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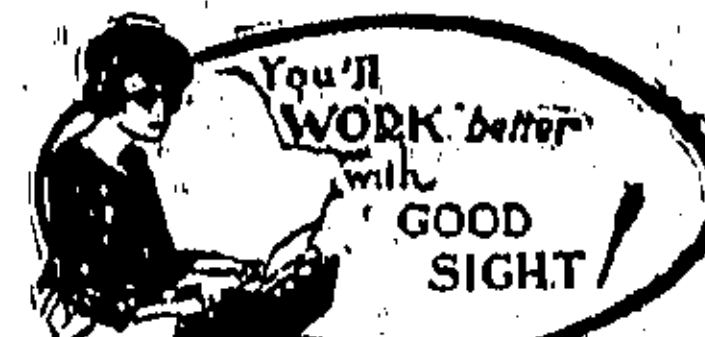
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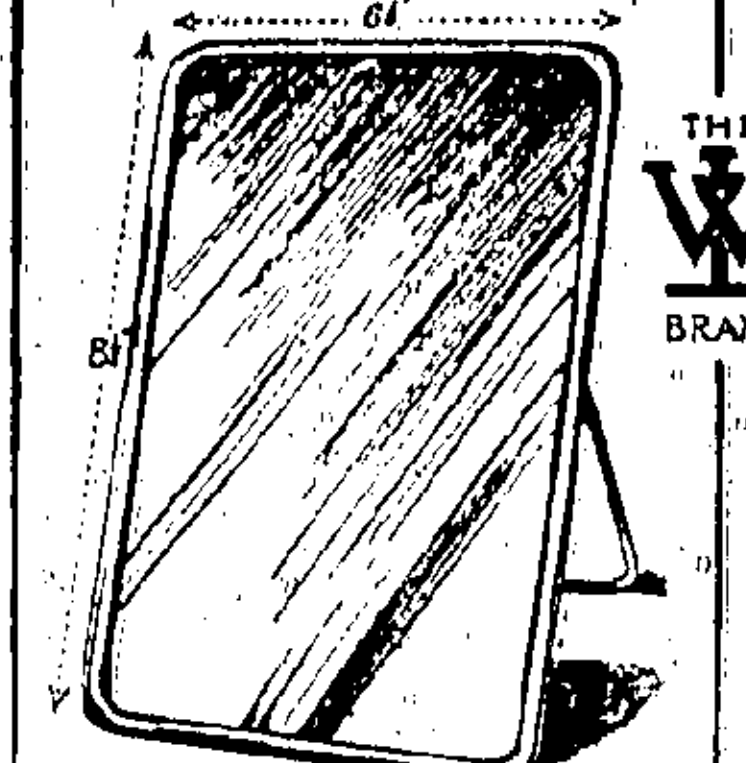
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CANTON'S WAR.

CAPTURE OF YCHOW CONFIRMED.

AEROPLANE LOST?

Canton's capture of Ychow has been confirmed now by sources which may be described as "strictly anti-Red."
Ychow is in the northern part of Hunan province, on that part of the Hankow-Canton Railway which runs to Changsha. (Note: the southern part of the railway runs from Canton to Shikwan, and the middle section of the line is only "projected.")
In their present position, the southern Nationalists may launch an early attack on Huph province and the strongholds of Hankow, Wuchang, and the Hanyang arsenal.

Mar-shal Sun Chuan-fang (ruler of the central maritime provinces and hinterland) is reported to be moving troops into Kiangsi province, ostensibly to guard his frontiers against possible invasion by a flank movement of the Nationalists.

An aeroplane flying from Canton to the front, is reported to have landed in Kiangsi owing to engine trouble, and to have been captured.

For publicity purposes in the territory newly conquered by the Nationalists, a sum of \$1,500,000 is said to have been voted by Communist agitators, the funds coming from Russia.

A vernacular paper in Swatow was raided, states a correspondent, for publishing the report of the capture of Nankow (in the North) by the allies.

Reports on another piracy in neighbouring waters (that of the s.s. "Hunan"), in addition to that of the Norwegian steamer, will be found on page 4.

OBITUARY.

WELL-KNOWN PORTUGUESE RESIDENT.

MR. WALTER LOUREIRO.

The local Portuguese community sustained a loss to-day in the death of Mr. Walter Henry Wilde Loureiro, aged 56, eldest son of the late Pedro Loureiro and of Mrs. Jessie Wilde Novais, Lisbon.

Death took place at the French Hospital.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5.30.

The late Mr. Loureiro had been engaged in shipping locally for many years and his long association with Hongkong was only broken during the War period when he was engaged in transport service in the Persian gulf. At the time of his death he was Chief Engineer of the Kwangtung Steamship Company.

THE WEATHER.

AN OCCASIONAL RAIN FORECAST.

Weather prospects for the week-end sporting fixtures appear gloomy. The forecast till noon to-morrow is south winds, moderate; overcast, occasional rain.

"Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.30 inch. Total since January, 72.66 inches, against an average of 64.42 inches.

The Observatory in the forenoon report states that pressure has decreased considerably from Vladivostok to Hakodate and slightly over central Japan and S.W. China. It has increased slightly from Foochow to Chefoo and is nearly stationary elsewhere. The Yangtze Valley depression has moved to the north of Korea. A depression has formed over S.W. China.

A further development in the loss of property from a motor car while Messrs. Fremoulet and Pequet were out bathing at Ting Kau on Wednesday, all of which with the exception of a motor licence had since been recovered, was the arrest of an unemployed Chinese, alleged to be the thief. The man will appear before the District Officer South.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2 1/2 8/16.

B. A. T. CAPITAL.

ISSUE OF \$2,000,000 TO CHINESE.

CHINA SECURITY CO.

Shares to the value of \$2,000,000 in British-American Tobacco Co. interests are being offered to Chinese at the moment.

On inquiry at the local office, the "China Mail" was informed that the issue forms part of the capital of the B. A. T. China Security Co., which is a "China" public company. The shares, are "China" shares as distinct from the "London" shares.

There is no intention of offering the shares for subscription to the public.

Chinese all over the country are being sent forms on which they are asked to specify the number they want. Allotment will be decided later, it was stated.

These shares are stated to be offered at about \$85 (the equivalent of £10) per share.

The Security Co., of course, is distinct from the British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd., the head office of which is in Shanghai.

STOLEN CABLE.

FOUND IN MARINE DEALER'S SHOP.

TWO MEN CONVICTED.

Acting on information received by the police, two Chinese were arrested and charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning with the theft of telegraph cable in the Albany nullah between the filter beds and May Road. They both pleaded not guilty.

Altogether 600 feet of cable, valued at \$400, the property of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, disappeared between August 16 and 24, as stated in a report to the police.

Det-Sergeant Flaherty said that when he caught the two defendants, they took the police to a marina dealer where a part of the missing cable (between 300 to 400 feet) was found, but only the lead covering. It was discovered that the defendants had sold the lead at the rate of 15 cents and three cash per catty, realising a total sum of about \$40.

Mr. C. W. Somers, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, remarked that it was hardly possible to offer for sale material of this kind to a marina dealer without arousing suspicion.

Questioned on this point, the dealer said he believed the defendants' statement that they bought the lead from another dealer in the street.

Defendants were sentenced to two months' hard labour. His Worship deferred his decision as regards the disposal of the material found.

ELUSIVE SNATCHER.

ARRESTED MAN TO HELP POLICE.

ALSO A THIEF.

Although the Chinese arrested at Aberdeen yesterday morning was not identified as the snatcher who had been active early in the week at Bowen Road, the police had sufficient evidence to prefer a charge of highway robbery against him at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The property alleged to have been taken by the defendant in the hold up of a Chinese were a gold finger ring and \$4.80 in money.

Det-Sub-Inspector Lane applied for a remand of the defendant in police custody, as he was in hopes of getting assistance from him to trace another man who is suspected of having been connected with the snatching cases.

Defendant was remanded until noon to-morrow.

Two Chinese cases of Enteric Fever in the City were reported to the Medical Officer of Health on Wednesday.

While travelling in a taxicab between the Sun Company and the Central Market on Tuesday evening, Mr. Li, living at 30 Robinson Road, lost a parcel containing a heavily embroidered satin bedspread edged with silk cord. A report of the loss made to the police gives the value at \$70.

DR. KOCH'S WARNING.

Govt. "Taking Necessary Steps."

ASSURANCE GIVEN.

"Object Achieved"; Resolution Withdrawn.

Speaking at yesterday's Council meeting against the Hon. Dr. Koch's resolution for the appointment of a Committee to make investigation and report on possible measures for preventing such considerable rainstorm damage as was experienced recently, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird said that he did not think that any of the damage caused by the recent storm could have been foreseen and guarded against. Taking the case of the rock which demolished the No. 3 pumping station anyone examining it would have thought that its weight alone would have prevented any power except that of an earthquake from moving it.

The vulnerable parts of the Colony, extended throughout the whole North side, said Mr. Bird, and to examine all the works above Conduit Road and decide which were dangerous would need not only the agility of a mountain goat but the possession of second sight in an advanced degree.

"Close Observation."

The Director of Public Works, after stating that the instance of the boulder constituting a danger to a house (referred to by Dr. Koch) and the alleged reply of the P.W.D. was unknown to him, said that extensive investigations were being made and data collected with regard to retaining walls which were being kept under close observation to ascertain if in any case movement was taking place.

Regarding Crown Land sold for building purposes every care would be taken in future that such was reasonably easy of development without being a danger to adjoining property. The Government could not accept responsibility for work on private buildings but must continue to restrict its operations to periodical inspections of work in progress to see that there was no departure from the approved plans and to take action in all cases where defective workmanship was discovered.

Emphasising that prompt consideration was always given to any report from the public with regard to dangerous conditions of the hill side and that such reports were always appreciated, the D.P.W. said that in many cases the danger only arises in the course of a few hours and is caused by the diversion of a heavy flow of water from a water course or nullah which may itself have become blocked by small boulders following exceptional rain, and however expert an officer may be this is a danger it is impossible to guard against.

Dr. Koch Replies.
In replying to the remarks of Mr. Bird and the D.P.W., Dr. Koch said that he was not in a position to give the name of the architect who had furnished him with particulars of the hillside boulder which had constituted a danger but he would endeavour to get his permission to give the locality.

Mr. Bird, said Dr. Koch, had only begged the question and had merely stated what they all knew. He (the speaker), knew they were not like comets to skip about from rock to rock but human beings could see where the dangerous rocks were and it did not take pre-vision of double-magnifying power to see where they were. They were patent, they called out to one.

It was evident that these boulders were on disintegrated soil and when there were series of heavy rains for thirty or forty days they soaked through the rotten soil and then when another heavy rain came the rocks slipped down.

Danger to University.
It was a mercy that the rock which destroyed No. 3 Pumping Station did not take another angle and destroy part of the University. If some part of the University had been damaged a little more might have been made of it than only over five coolies being killed.

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NO DREDGER.

WHY CONSTRUCTION IS NECESSARY.

SHIPPING OPINION.

The question of a harbour survey being a topical one in view of yesterday's Council discussions and the assurance given by the Government, a "China Mail" representative made enquiries this morning as to the opinion in local shipping circles on the general question of harbour dredging.

A local resident with considerable shipping interests who was approached on the matter said that to him it seemed rather extraordinary in a port of such magnitude and importance as Hongkong, situated as it was at the mouth of a river, that the local Government had not a dredger of its own.

In the opinion of the gentleman in question there was bound to be sitting in a port such as this and in spite of the assurance given in Council he was "convinced" that sitting had had an effect on the shoal upon which two ships had recently grounded.

Hiring Difficulties.
Questioned as to the expense involved in the construction of a dredger, our informant said this would undoubtedly be very heavy but he did not see how else the situation was to be met. The question had been raised as to the possible use of the Netherlands Harbour Works dredger at Macao which he believed was the second largest dredger in the world. This had been of great use in the dredging operations prior to the construction of the quay wall at North Point but what assurance had the Government if it wanted to carry out dredging in five years that this dredger would be available then? It was only here at present because of its use in the Macao Har our works construction.

Another shipping man approached by the reporter said that the only alternative to the construction of a dredger or the hire of one was the rudimentary operation carried out by hand such as one observed in Chinese waters near Canton. This, of course, would be absurd to apply to a port like Hongkong.

Expense of Upkeep.
From further enquiries it would appear that the Government dredger "St. Enoch" was abandoned on account of the expense of upkeep. Residents of many years' standing remember it sinking in the Harbour off the Hongkong Club and H.M.S. "Powerful" then in the harbour, assisting in the salvaging. The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company dredger was used in connection with certain works up to 1912 when it was sold for the purpose of dredging Sydney Harbour.

So it would appear that for some years (until the Netherlands Harbour Works dredger was sent to Macao) there was not even a dredger in the Far East which could be hired if dredging in the harbour had proved imperative.

He recalled the story that it took the Bishop with the broken leg to see that the broken bridge was mended.

Mr. Bird spoke of boulders coming down the nullahs. Of course they did. They came down and the bridges not being wide enough to pass them the nullahs were blocked.

He remembered two years ago when at Magazine Gap Road the same thing occurred. The bridge was blocked by boulders and the water swept down and washed the road and the bridge. They had only to go this year to Kennedy Road and Macdonnell Road to see what he had seen and reason how it all came about. If the nullahs were properly looked after or perhaps diverted—they could undoubtedly be rendered safe when filled with storm water.

Peddler Street Nullah.

Take the Pedder Street nullah. A few years ago the spot where the A.P.C. building now stands was all under water because the nullah was not big enough. They had a lesson then, and no notice was taken of it. They were rebuilding to-day as they rebuilt then and next year the same thing would happen.

He had every admiration for engineers and this matter would not take much ingenuity, but if (Continued on Page 7.)

COAL DEADLOCK.

FRESH NEGOTIATIONS ABORTIVE.

NO FURTHER MEETING.

London, August 26.
A new development in the coal dispute has been created by the decision of the Miners' Executive to ask for a meeting with Sir A. Steel Maitland.

This lends additional interest to the speech of Mr. Churchill on Saturday in which he indicated the lines on which, in his opinion, a Government settlement might be reached, namely a 7 1/2 or 8 hours day and district agreements, which, however, might be brought within the ambit of a national agreement, allowing a reasonable measure of elasticity to meet the difficulties of particular localities.—Reuter.

The Conference.

London, August 26.
The coal negotiations have been resumed between our officials of the Miners' Federation that afternoon meeting Mr. Winifred Churchill, Sir A. Steel-Maitland and Lieut.-Col. G. R. Lane Fox at 10 Downing Street.

Trip to Russia.

A delegation of fourteen, comprising two members of the Miners' Federation, Mrs. A. J. Cook several district agents and miners' wives are leaving for Russia to-morrow at the invitation of the Russian miners who will cover the expenses of the visit, which is expected to last a month.—Reuter.

Utmost Secrecy.

London, August 26.
The utmost secrecy is being maintained regarding the coal discussions at 10 Downing Street, which

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lasted ninety minutes, but there appears that no immediate good results are likely and no further meeting has been arranged.

A full report of the meeting will be prepared as quickly as possible and sent by special courier to Mr. Baldwin at Aix Les Bains.

The miners' delegation is visiting Russia for the purposes of collecting funds.—Reuter.

New Attacks on Baldwin.

London, August 23.

Mr. Baldwin's recent statement to the United Press saying that there was no suffering among the striking coal miners and that their families were better off as recipients of charity than they had been when their men were working, is "the meanest document ever penned by a minister of the British crown" says Mr. Lloyd George in an attack on the Prime Minister.

The original Baldwin statement which was intended to explain to the world the position of the British Government toward the strikers, has become a political issue of first importance throughout the country. Many leaders, some belonging to Mr. Baldwin's political party, have condemned the statement severely.—United Press.

GUN RUNNING.

BATTLE BETWEEN AEROPLANE VESSEL.

A SHOWER OF BOMBS.

New York, August 26.
A battle between a Government bombing aeroplane and a gun-running vessel endeavouring to land arms for the revolutionary forces is described in a report from Managua.

Two former American aviators, who are now employed with the Nicaraguan Constabulary, located a vessel off Corinto. Dropping to a low altitude they discharged a shower of bombs on the vessel, which went out to sea, the crew machine-gunning the aeroplane, which pursued her till its bombs ran out. On the same night the aeroplane, having been replenished, returned and dropped more bombs, but darkness ended the fight.—Reuter.

ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement of Mr. William W. L. Ma of No. 3, Kennedy Road, to Miss Ruby Jackman of Nam Koo Terrace, Wanchai, is announced. Mr. Ma, who has been in charge of the London office of the Sincere Co., Ltd., returned to Hongkong only recently.

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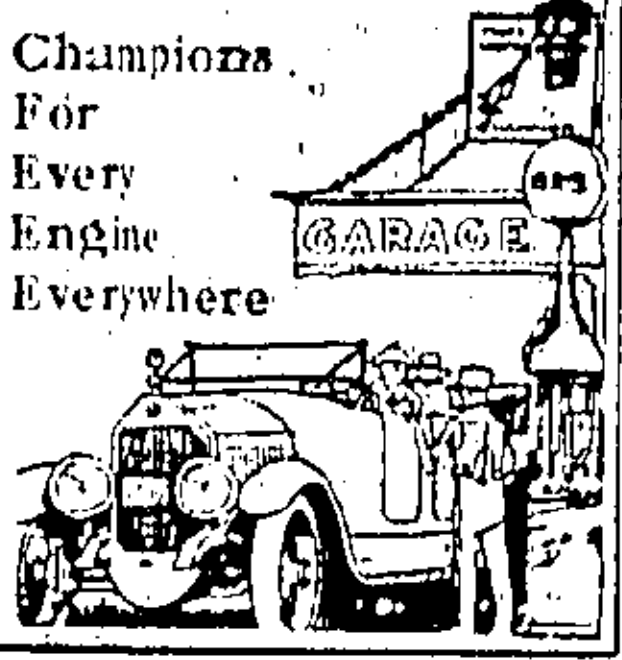
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TSINGTAO SCANDAL.
BRITISH SUBJECT DETAINED
BY CHINESE.

AUTHORITY FLOUTED.

TSINGTAO, August 12.—After being outrageously treated by the local Chinese police for the past six days, Reginald R. Lock, a British subject, whom the police suspected of being implicated in the Fischer murder case, was finally released last evening.

Mr. Lock was arrested or detained by the Chinese police, who possessed no warrant, no less than three times in five days. The night of the tenth he spent in a narrow filthy cell of the type reserved for common criminals. Obviously the British Consul was not able to effect his release until 6 p.m. last evening for it was not until then that the police told him there was a motor car waiting outside to take him to the British Consul. Not until then was he freed from confinement.

The foreign community is greatly wrought up over such treatment of a foreign subject, although at the present time the city is all agog over the mysterious and atrocious murder of Mr. Fischer, wealthy German jeweller, the murderer or murderers of whom still appear to be at liberty.

In a complete statement of his case which Mr. Lock, who is a café proprietor, has written for the benefit of his Consulate and the press, he declares: "For this unwarrantable treatment, I claim five thousand dollars (\$5,000) damages from the Chinese authorities, and a public apology." He told the writer that he would immediately start action.

The police are of the belief that the murderer shortly after the crime was committed took a rickshaw to the building occupied by Mr. Lock and entered. They searched the premises the next morning and allege they found blood-stains on a bed-sheet. Chemists who made a test of the blood discovered later that the blood was not of a man.

The police, excited over a series of crimes, apparently are determined to "save face" by making wholesale arrests and in the last week have run in a large number of Chinese as well as about ten foreigners, mostly Russians, all on suspicion of being connected with the Fischer murder.

Today's issue of the "Tsingtao Times" has the following to say in its leader column:

"There is a right method of procedure and a wrong method, and Director Chao Chi, secure in his apparent conviction that Lock is the murderer, has placed himself, as representing the Chinese Government, in a position that calls for immediate and severe protest. Apart from whether Lock is or is not the criminal, if the British authorities are going to permit their subjects to be searched, to have property removed from their residences, to be tied up, and to be detained in a Chinese prison without any search warrant, then it is indeed time that the British Chambers of Commerce in the Orient take steps to see that the Foreign Office is made cognizant of the situation."

It should be stated here that after the leader was written, Lock was released, there being no evidence on which to base a charge.

Mr. Lock's statement follows:—"On the night of August 5, 1926, I left my house in company with my wife at 8.15 p.m. for the first time that day, and I went for a walk along Shantung Road as far as the Hanson Studio, and from there turned back arriving home at 9 p.m. and retired for the night. A German gentleman, standing outside of my house and talking to a friend saw me leave and return. (The mugger of Mr. Fischer, at a point far removed from either Mr. Lock's residence or the Hanson Studio was committed at about 7.30.)

The following morning at about 7 a.m. I was awakened by a crowd of police, who forced their way into my bedroom and commenced poking under the bed with their guns, searching the whole house. I went downstairs to see the officer in charge and demanded an explanation. He said a rickshaw coolie had brought a man of my build to the house at 9 p.m., the previous evening. The coolie was present but could not identify me as the man he had pulled there the previous evening. After a lot of questioning to which I gave satisfactory answers, I was then told that Carl Fischer had been killed. The police were apparently satisfied that I could not assist them in any way and after I had shown them my passport they left. I had no further visit from them that day, and I never left the house.

"On the night of August 8 I returned home from a restaurant where I had dinner alone. I saw several cars and an unusual number of police in front of the police station, opposite my house. I was about to enter my house when I was surrounded by the police, my arms forced behind my back

and bound with rope. The key of my door was removed from my pocket, and I was pushed into the police station. I protested and demanded to be allowed to telephone the British Consul, but was refused. Later a detective arrived who could speak English. I demanded an explanation, and to be immediately put in touch with the British Consul, but was not listened to. I repeated my demand for an explanation and was told that I was suspected of dealing in opium and in arms. I showed the detective my passport and told him to take me to the British Consul and repeat his statement, which he refused to do. I was then asked several questions, all of which I answered. Then they examined my legs. The detective then informed me he was going to search my house. This I had noticed was being done while he was talking to me. My wife then came over and told me the police had taken away some things, a list of which they gave her.

"I told the police that I should make a complaint to the British Consul, and they replied, 'That's all right; do what you like.'"

"I was released at 3.30 a.m. and the police were guarding my house until the next morning. The following morning I went to the British Consul to complain of my treatment, but the police had been there and had apologized, and told the Consul that it would not happen again. With this understanding I agreed to let the matter drop.

"The same day at 2 p.m. the police came again and asked me to go with them to the central police station, where I would find Major Stockwell of the 'Tsingtao Times' and we would have a talk and see if we could assist the Chief of Police to find the murderer of Carl Fischer. I agreed to go and render every assistance in my power.

"When we arrived at the station there was no sign of Major Stockwell and I was shown into a room and given some refreshment and asked to wait for Major Stockwell. About half an hour later he arrived, and I called to him from the window when I saw he was going away, and told him

I was coming with him. I joined him and the police attempted to stop me. Major Stockwell protested against this illegal action and told the police that I was going with him to his office opposite the station, and would come again when required.

"Major Stockwell telephoned the Consul and told him what was happening. The Consul replied that I need not go unless I wished to, and that should I desire I could refuse to answer any questions unless in the presence of the Consul. I told Major Stockwell that I would go of my own free will and render every assistance possible to the police.

"We again proceeded to the police station where we waited for some considerable time for the Director of the Port Administration to appear. He was a long time in making his appearance and Major Stockwell suggested that we could do anything that was wanted without him. I then tried on the straw hat that was found in the murdered man's shop, which could be twisted around my head. I next offered to strip myself for any examination they cared to make, but they wanted me to wait till the Director came. Major Stockwell then said I was entitled to some consideration and could not be expected to remain all night when I had already placed myself at their disposal for the greater part of the day. He then said we would return to his office and wait there, which we were allowed to do after Major Stockwell had given it in writing. It was getting dark and we were still waiting to assist the police. At last Major Stockwell suggested that I should go home and not waste any more time and said: 'They will not interfere with you again after their assurance to the British Consul.'

"I returned home and at 8 p.m. the police came again and asked me to go with them to the central police station where they said, the British Consul and Major Stockwell were waiting for me. I went with them and my wife went also. When we arrived there was no one waiting for me and I was shown into a room and told to wait.

while the man who brought me went for Major Stockwell, accompanied by my wife. Ten minutes later I was taken to the far end of the station and searched. I protested, and told them it was illegal, and that I was waiting for Major Stockwell. They took no notice and when I tried to telephone they stopped me. I was then taken upstairs and thrown into a cell. The police looked through the bars, laughing and taunting me with 'English Poo Ship' (meaning they did not understand English).

"I passed a wretched night in this cell, and the following morning was taken downstairs and given some breakfast. At 2.30 p.m. I was taken outside and photographed twice, and was then taken back to a room where I remained until 5.30 p.m., when a car came, and the man who took me to the station the previous night informed me that he was going to take me to the British Consul.

"We first went to the Administration Building opposite the Consulate, and I demanded to be taken to the Consul immediately, which they did at 6 p.m. I claimed protection from further outrages, and told the Consul I should claim compensation for the outrageous treatment I had received, including illegal arrest on three different occasions, twice after the Consul had been assured that I should not be interfered with, unlawful detention and the searching of my house without a warrant on three different occasions." — Reuter's Pacific Service.

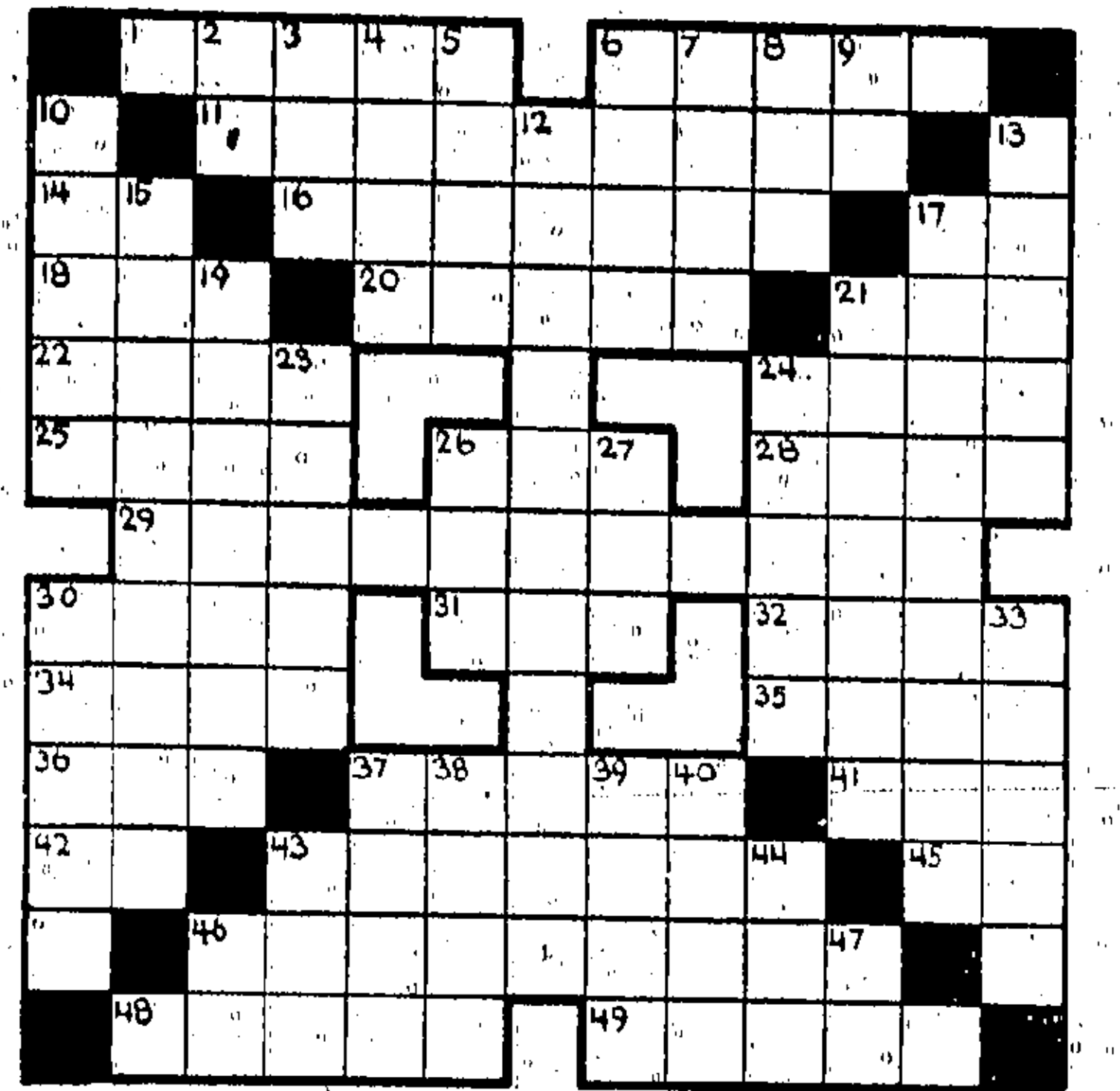
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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Ocean front | 36-A color. | 13-Dutch colonists in S. Africa |
| 6-Photograph receptacle | 37-An Ottoman governor | 15-Keepsakes |
| 11-Abnormal | 41a-Expiration | 19-Same as insured |
| 14-Pronoun | 42-Like | 21-Medical plant |
| 16-Newspaper men | 43-Beamish | 23-Indian tent |
| 17-Leave | 45-Thus | 24-Mane name (familiar) |
| 18-Before | 46-Thick skinned animal | 26-Part of a circle |
| 20-Sinned | 48-Tail and skin | 27-European country (abbr.) |
| 21-Part of verb "to be" | 49-Pass as law | 30-On wrong |
| 22-Opening for air | | 32-Below income upon |
| 24-Evidence of an old | VERTICAL | 37-Dry measure |
| 25-Comfort | 2-Exclamation | 38-Pale |
| 26-High card | 3-A unit | 39-Secret |
| 28-Unit of weight (pl.) | 4-West horseback | 40-So be it |
| 29-Oversee | 5-Eastern ruler | 41-Get out |
| 30-Positive | 6-Bitter herb | 44-Period of time |
| 31-Part of a gear | 7-Master | 46-A parent |
| 32-Machine for gripping | 8-Public conveyance | 47-Member of Congress (abbr.) |
| 34-Woody plant | 9-You and me | |
| 35-Kind of jacket | 10-Sifter | |
| | 12-Terribly | |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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TWO PIRACIES.

Canton Steamer Object of Attack.

TAKING PIGS AS LOOT.

Looted Vessels "Discharged" At Bias Bay.

Two piracies on Canton ships during the last few days have been reported.

One was en route from Shanmei (Swaboe) to Canton. Only the Chinese name of the ship is given, this being "Hanan" (not to be confused with the former s.b. "Hanan" of the Steamboat Co.).

The other was the Norwegian "Sandviken," chartered by the Soviet Trading Co. of Canton and Swatow. Foreign officers and a European lady passenger were molested.

In the case of the "Hanan," the pirates cleared with practically everything, including a consignment of pigs!

Same Modus Operandi.

That time-honoured scheme of embarking as passengers proved successful in both ventures.

It should be explained that ships plying between Canton and that part of the Kwangtung coast to the east, or north of Hongkong, must go "outside" (or to the south) of this Colony, as they do not enter Hongkong harbour nor pay shipping dues here.

The "Hanan" left Shanmei at noon on Monday.

After the usual stop at Ma Kung (which is very close) for passengers and cargo, the gang broke out on a given signal.

There were between twenty and thirty of them. Their first act was to take over the four rifles of the ship's guards.

All the passengers together with the crew off duty were driven into a cargo hold, where each person was put through a systematic search.

Over \$10,000 Loot.

Meanwhile, the capture was set for Bias Bay where the steamer was met by junks ready to take off the loot.

The Commodore department, was robbed of over \$8,000 in cash (the majority of this being carried for clients) and gold articles valued at over \$700.

Of the cargo removed—and the ship was practically cleared—there were 91 pigs, 30 cases of marine delicacies, 10 baskets of fresh eggs, about 100 head of poultry and some general cargo.

In all the gang got over \$10,000. They also ripped open a mail bag and tampered with the contents.

On Wednesday the "Hanan" arrived at Canton. She flies the Chinese flag.

Lady's Rings Taken.

The "Sandviken" left Swatow on Saturday last and was seized when to the south of Hongkong.

The wireless was cut. The ship's officers were made to conduct the pirates to their cabins and to produce property of value.

A foreign lady passenger had some rings forcibly removed from her finger, in spite of the captain remonstrating.

One report says the loot is valued at about \$30,000. Another mentions \$250,000 including a shipment of tin slabs, mistaken for silver bars.

The third engineer is stated to have been wounded in the stomach because he had nothing to give to the gang!

Altogether, the pirates were on board for 15 hours, till they left at Bias Bay. Then the "Sandviken" returned to Swatow.

Tsingtao, August 11.—The mutinied marines at Kiaochow have surrendered, in acceptance of Pi Shuh-cheng's persuasion. Six hundred of them were disarmed off Tsingchow, yesterday afternoon.

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BATTLESHIPS' NEW ADVANTAGE.

In the British official "Return of Fleets" this year the latest American battleships are (says the Naval Correspondent of the London "Daily News," writing on June 3) credited with anti-aircraft guns of 5 in. calibre. It has since become known that eight of these guns are mounted in each ship.

They are the heaviest anti-aircraft weapons which have thus far been adopted by any navy. Practical tests have shown that a ship so armed and equipped with the newest aerial fire-control system could make things decidedly hot for enemy aeroplanes which were attempting to attack the vessel with bombs or torpedoes.

In the course of firing practice with her new 5 in. "sky guns" off the California coast a few weeks since the battleship "West Virginia" shot down targets towed 12,000 ft. aloft at a speed of 50 miles an hour.

The results achieved are said to have astonished the flying men and given them a new respect for the fighting power of battleships.

The new 5 in. A.A. gun, with which all U.S. large ships will eventually be fitted, is a short gun with automatic breech mechanism which enable a very rapid rate of fire to be maintained.

It hurls 50 lb. high-explosive shells with a fuse so sensitive that it will explode the projectile on contact with the canvas fabric of an aeroplane.

Colonel Cloke, of the U.S. Coast Artillery, has published figures showing the remarkable progress made to date in improving anti-aircraft fire.

The problem is complicated by the fact that air targets move in three dimensions, but a "foot-candle" instrument has been evolved which enables the height and speed of such targets to be determined with reasonable precision.

Colonel Cloke claims, in fact, that anti-aircraft gunnery is rapidly approaching the high degree of accuracy which naval gunnery has attained.

During the final year of the war it used to take about 1,500 shots to bring down an aeroplane. Today, according to target practice results, only 22 shots would be required to drop a high-flying machine.

Very soon, it is added, a battery of A.A. guns will be able to bring a hurricane of accurate fire to bear on hostile aircraft immediately they are sighted.

The anti-aircraft armament of British battleships seems to be inadequate, judging from details given in the "Return." Most of them have only a couple of 3 in. or 4 in. A.A. guns. It is true they carry a large number of 2-pdr. and machine guns, but these would be of little use against aircraft flying at great heights.

Apparently, however, this deficiency is to be remedied, for the new battleships "Nelson" and "Rodney" are unofficially credited with ten 4 in. A.A. guns apiece.

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Tawau	WEDNESDAY	Sept. 1, 5 p.m.		
Semporna	THURSDAY	Sept. 2, 6 a.m.		
Sandakan	THURSDAY	Sept. 2, 10 a.m.		
Jesselton	FRIDAY	Sept. 3, 5 a.m.		
Hongkong	FRIDAY	Sept. 3, 11 a.m.		
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KIDDERPORE	5,334	24th Sept.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NELLORE	6,853	29th Sept.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHGAR	9,005	2nd Oct.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MOOREA	10,918	10th Oct.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	30th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	30th Oct.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MAINTUA	10,902	12th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,155	15th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	27th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,089	14th Dec.	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,135	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MOOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MAINTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	10,504	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles & London
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TALAMBA	8,018	24th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SHIRALA	7,841	3rd Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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TANDA	6,956	27th Aug.	Manila, Kolambagan, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Bris- bane, Sydney, & Melbourne.
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NELLORE	6,853	31st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KASHGAR	9,005	3rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALAMBA	8,018	5th Sept.	Shanghai only.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
SHIRALA	7,841	10th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MOOREA	10,918	10th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	16th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KHYBER	9,114	1st Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th Oct.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MAINTUA	10,902	16th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KIDDERPORE	5,334	23rd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	30th Oct.	Shanghai and Kobe
TANDA	6,956	2nd Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
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MAINTUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,956	17th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,941	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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COMMISSION.

PROVISION IN CHARTER
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IMPORTANT U.S. RULING.

Under the facts in the case, a stipulation in a charter party, as to the time when commissions should be payable was held by the Appellate Division, First Department, Supreme Court, New York, in *Longhead v. Suzuki*, to estop the plaintiff from recovering commissions which are commonly due and payable on the execution of the contract of chartering. The opinion, concurred in by all the other judges, was by Justice Dowling. It reversed the judgment for \$857,765 of the Supreme Court, Part III, rendered a year ago the lower court, and directed entry of judgment in favour of the defendant, with costs.

The lower court held that a provision in the charter party referring to commissions was not a contract between the broker and owner, and that on the failure of the owner to tender the str. "Tufuku Maru" to the charterer before the expiry of the cancelling date, on time service, and the consequent prompt cancellation of the charter, the right to full commissions became absolute.

The charter provided in printed form, a "commission of 5 per cent. on the gross amount of the charter, due to B. W. Loughhead Co., on the signing hereof, steamship lost or not lost, by whom vessel is to be reported, and also on any continuation or extension of this charter or on the sale of vessel." The words "on" monthly payment of hire" interlined, the Appellate Division states, "voluntarily by the plaintiff."

Testimony was also in the record to the effect that Loughhead and one of his chartering clerks had been informed by a representative of the defendant that it would pay them only commission against actual money received from the charterers, and that Loughhead said that would be satisfactory.

The lower court held the charter party was not the brokerage contract but only evidence of it, and that having obtained a charter, the broker was entitled to his commission, although "the owner had failed to place the steamer in position at a North Atlantic port by November 30, 1919," as he had agreed.

From the circumstances of the alteration in this charter and similar charters procured by the plaintiffs the defendant, the Appellate Division opinion found that the arrangement was based on the "unmistakable announcement of the defendant as to when it would pay commissions" on four different occasions acquiesced in by the plaintiff.

The Appellate Division opinion is also authority for the statement that it is a rule of law that when payment of the broker's commissions is in some way restricted by special understanding with the owner, the owner may take advantage of his failure to deliver the ship within the cancelling period, so as to avoid the payment of commissions, if he can show that due to congestion and other interruptions beyond his control, there was a position default.

The "Tufuku Maru" was held at Marseilles by congestion at September 15 to October 2. At Gibraltar a strike forced the ship,

to do its own bunkering. It sailed from Gibraltar November 24 and seventeen days thereafter arrived at Hampton Roads, then being eleven days in default.

TOKYO HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT.

Tokyo, August 19.
The improvement of the Tokyo harbour is now being undertaken by the Tokyo Municipal Council at an estimate of ¥19,000,000 and is expected to be completed in 1931. It is understood that the construction work of the water-breaker between No. 3 Port and Suzuki reclaimed land, some 2,354 metres in length, will be commenced before the end of this year, while that of the quay, some 909 metres long, which is to be erected at Shibaura No. 1 land, will shortly be started. The depth of water at the quay will be about 20 feet at low-tide and the quay will be able to accommodate four or five steamers of 5,000 or 6,000 tons.

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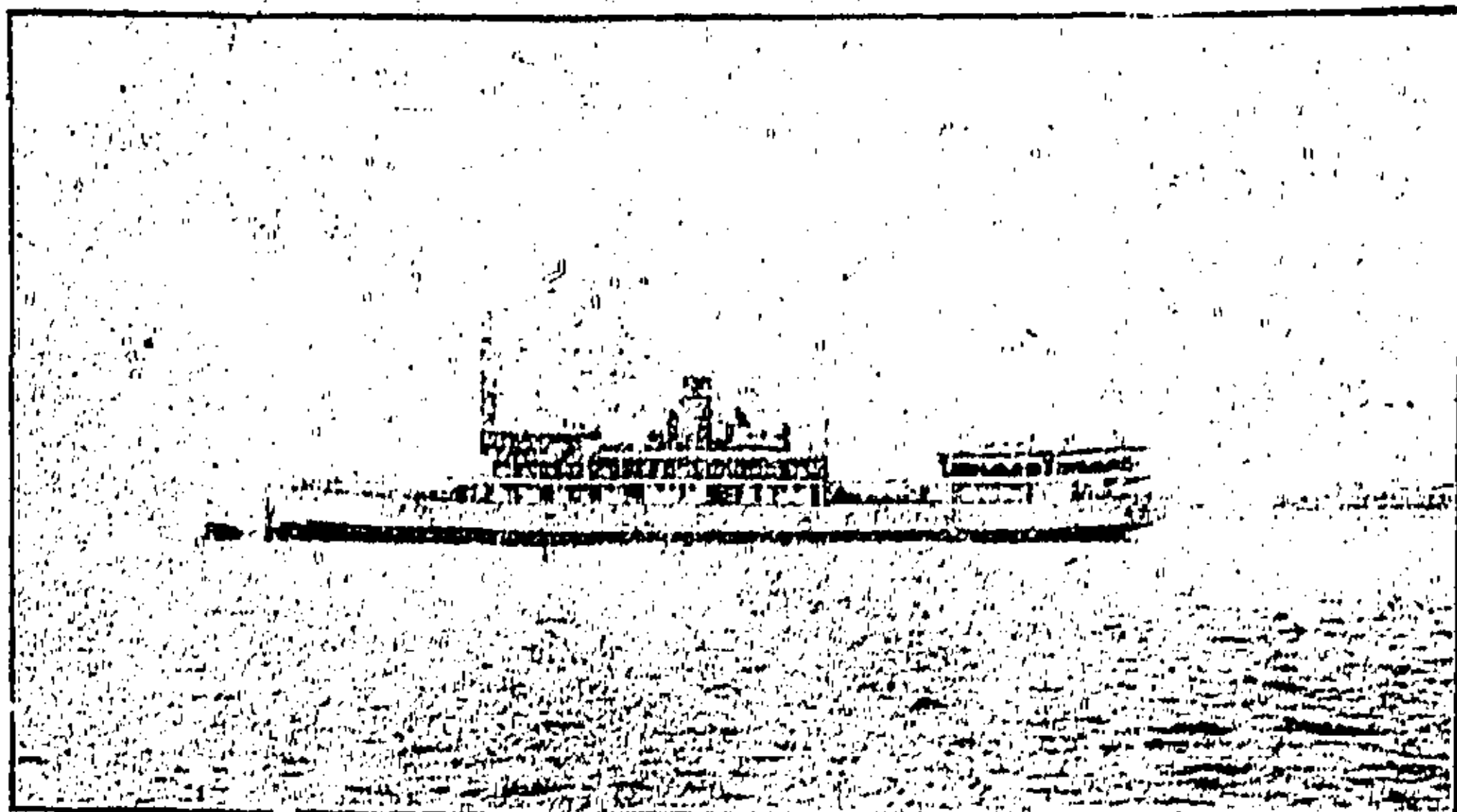
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Hongkong, Friday, August 27, 1926.

"NO TRACE."

It is evident from the tenor of the reply to Dr. Koch's question in the Legislative Council yesterday that the Government was placed in a quandary with regard to its "promise" or "understanding" for private medical practitioners to be allowed to attend their own cases in the Kowloon Hospital. The Colonial Secretary replied that "the Government is not aware that any such promise was made," and referred Dr. Koch to a reply to a similar question asked by Mr. Holyoak on December 29 last. The latter's question distinctly inferred that a "promise" or "undertaking" was given by the Government, for it read:—

"Will the Government revert to its original intention of allowing private medical practitioners to visit and treat their own patients in the Kowloon Hospital should they so desire?"

The official reply studiously ignored the implication of a promise or undertaking. It merely stated: "The Government is not prepared to reconsider this question." It had made up its mind to go back on its original intention and it was not going to be shifted by any unofficial representations of any kind.

Moreover, if the Government cannot trace that promise will it turn to its own files? Therein it will find a letter from the Kowloon Residents' Association dated February 25, 1925, giving the text of a resolution adopted at the annual meeting, in which the following paragraph occurs:—

"That general medical practitioners be allowed to attend patients at the Hospital in accordance with the Government's earlier promise."

Having traced that reference to a distinct promise will the Gov-

ernment peruse its own reply to the K.R.A. dated March 11, 1925? There it will find that the three points referred to in the K.R.A. resolution were treated by the then Colonial Secretary seriatim. That portion of the reply dealing with the Government's earlier promise—a promise, be it noted, never denied—stated:—

It was originally thought that it would be possible to set apart a portion of the Kowloon Hospital as a Nursing Home, to be run on the lines of the Peak Hospital. On further investigation, however, it has proved that the difficulties of management and discipline which such an arrangement would involve are such as to render its adoption impracticable.

It is anticipated that the New Nursing Home in Hongkong will provide ample accommodation for all who wish to be attended by their own practitioners.

Again, another reference to that promise was contained in a letter to the Government from the K.R.A., dated May 16, 1925, in which it was stated:—

Government having promised to allow general practitioners to attend their patients at this Hospital, my Committee respectfully request fulfilment of this assurance."

That gave the Government another opportunity to deny that such a promise had ever been given. It did not deny it! The then Colonial Secretary, in the course of his reply on June 8, 1925, stated:—

"With reference to your letter of May 16, 1925, I am directed to inform you that the Government does not see its way to change, as regards the Kowloon Hospital, the system of management which has prevailed for many years in all Government Hospitals and has ensured their smooth and efficient working. The Government is fully aware that the system of private practitioners attending their patients in the Peak and French Hospitals is quite successful, but I would point out that these institutions are in the nature of nursing homes rather than hospitals."

I would suggest also that if a private practitioner was aware of some circumstances in connection with his patient of which, in his opinion, it was of importance that the medical officer attending the confinement should be cognisant, he would surely advise the Medical Officer or if this did not seem sufficient would advise his patient to ask that he should be called in for a consultation.

In the course of the correspondence with the K.R.A. and in the course of replies to Unofficial members of the Legislative Council, the Government has had ample opportunity of denying that such a promise or understanding was ever given by it. Repeated references in the Press have emphasised that promise and charged the Government with breaking its word. It is not sufficient at this late date for the Government to say that it is not aware that any such promise was made. It will find ample proof to the contrary in its own files.

GRAMOPHONE NOTES

REVIEWS OF LATEST ISSUES.

ANOTHER COMPETITION.

(By Marcato.)

Most people view chamber music with rather mixed feelings. Nearly all of us respect it, if we have made its acquaintance at all, but how few actually bear it any true affection! Its intimacy and simplicity of style, its lack of instrumental colour, its somewhat austere atmosphere all combine to repel rather than attract the majority of music lovers.

The experienced listener, in high and mighty seclusion, is alone able to unravel the tangled polyphonic skein of, for instance, a late Beethoven quartet. But to have travelled thus far along the road of Musical Appreciation (horrible word!) is an attainment which brings its own reward.

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About Schubert.

Schubert, too, should be found particularly helpful. Schubert, whose exterior, the biographers insist on telling us, was the very antithesis of his music; Schubert, who wrote almost as prolifically as Mozart, lived and died in tragic manner too, with poverty ever snatching at his heels and sickness and death overtaking him at an age when most men are beginning to give of their best; Schubert, noted writer of lieder, wrote in all forms. Of his quartets, that in D Minor (known as "Death and the Maiden"), has been adjudged one of the very finest. Like the "Trout" Quintet, it takes its title from a song, the melody of which is the subject of variations in the second movement.

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In continuation of the excerpts from "Parsifal," we have this month the music from the Kling-sor Magic Garden scene, played on two records by Bruno Walter conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Prelude previously issued, with its semi-religious atmosphere, was not, perhaps, calculated to appeal to all tastes, and those who fell foul of the Prelude should take an opportunity of trying over the present issue. The Garden Scene is detailed quite adequately in the Columbia supplement, and there is no need of a description here.

Some passages in the music will be found a trifle noisy, and somewhat blurred in consequence, but this little defect is more than counter-balanced by an average clarity and purity of tone, to say nothing of a masterly spirited interpretation.

It should be borne in mind that unless one has a scraping acquaintance with the story of "Parsifal," these orchestral excerpts may appear a trifle unintelligible. A study of the opera, or at least of the scenes referred to, will well repay the trouble.

My admiration for the J. H. Squire Octet increases month by month.

This month they have a twelve inch record. One side is devoted to Jarnetef's *Prælude*, a tuneful, dainty little affair, and the other to a *Scottish Fantasia*, also tuneful but breezy in places. The playing of this combination is first class, and I can thoroughly recommend the record to the attention of the most fastidiously inclined.

Not quite so good is the Jacques Jacobs' Ensemble in two of Ger-

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man's dances, although it is a recording which is sure to please. Another instrumental ensemble is the Kneale Kelley Quartet in two hoary numbers, *Killarney* and *Sing me to Sleep*. I am rather prejudiced against the disc on account of the selection of pieces, but the recording here is also good.

The flute, old fashioned and colourless instrument, at any rate does sound out of place in work of this kind. The only other instrumental number is one of Frank Ferrara in steel guitar solos, excellent in their way.

Vocal Section.

In the vocal section, first place must go to the accomplished Salisbury Singers who are thoroughly and unmistakably English.

But why *Drink to Me Only with thine Eyes and Coma, let us join the roundelay*? Their choice is as bad as Edgar Coyle's who sings in melancholy fashion *Take, Oh, take those lips away, Hey! Ho! The wind and the Rain* which I feel inclined to call piffle. His *Now is my Chance* is better.

Doris Vane is mediocre in *Beauvau and I Dream I Dwell* (Bohemian Girl).

Michael Mortimer, the new light, tenor, essays the latest song craze, *Just a Cottage Small*, and intuits *Oh, Miss Hannah* on the reverse side.

"Lady, Be Good."

Jack Blake has four "bright" songs to his credit among which I notice *Picador* and *Valentine*.

The "Lady, Be Good" releases have nothing very much to recommend them. The recording artists are from the show itself, but as they have to rely entirely upon their voices—which are generally of a poor standard—they do not succeed to the extent they do at the Empire Theatre with their personalities and characteristic mannerisms, the gay scenario and orchestra, to help them.

When Jazz is Jazz.

Jazz emanated from America, and it expresses the American.

It is the expression of restlessness, of excitement, of Youth. In other words it is the embodiment of "pep." And if Jazz—which, after all, is another name for the bizarre—has squawked and squeaked with trombone and saxophone, if it has given birth to many strange and fearful instruments, it has still been the kind of noise which sets the blood tingling and the feet moving.

The squeaks and squawks, at any rate, are disappearing and in their place is appearing a modified jazz. In fact, it no longer deserves to be called jazz, but simply modern dance music.

It is now more suave and musical, and certainly more harmonious with less striving after effect. Some of it is good to listen to, and nearly all of it is good to dance to.

Havana Band Items.

But—it must be played by those who know how to play it. The wholesale condemnation of jazz by musicians and music lovers is due to the squeaks and squawks of its experimental stage, and to the manner in which it is mishandled by players who do not know their business.

All music is dependent upon the musician for adequate interpretation and a Beethoven symphony would sound as much rubbish played by an untutored band as jazz does when played by a poor, jazz-less, combination of incompetents.

There are four very decent examples of modern jazz in the Columbia July list, the best of which, in my opinion, is *Surabaya Maid* and *Rose of St. Mary's* played by Bert Ralton and his Havana Band.

Cutting Out Drivel.

Controversy is usually uninteresting except to the combatants. But at the risk of slightly prolonging the argument which has sprung up between myself and "Allegro" in a local contemporary, I must insist that his remark as to the task of reviewing records being a drivelling one, reflects discredit on the gramophone itself.

The reviewing of records is a task which many men of letters and music have set themselves recently, and judged by the seriousness of their criticisms, to say nothing of their enthusiasm, they appear to find it the reverse of drivelling.

However, let it pass. I quite agree that many records are drivel, but I have consistently deplored the issue of any of this nature, and although my tiny voice has been no more than one in a multitude, it echoes the sentiments of many a writer whose influence is being felt, as witness the gradual elimination of trashy ballad and instrumental recordings.

In any case, no matter how strictly we supervise the kind of music we think others should indulge in, there always will be a demand for sticky stuff. One must blame our lack of musical education for that.

NEW COMPETITION.

Notes for Those Who Enter.

Nearly everyone who has a collection of records, possesses several numbers which, for some reason or another, are looked upon with especial friendliness. Their appeal may be purely sentimental, it may be musical, or it may be any one of a dozen other reasons. At any rate, this month is offered a prize for the best all round selection of twelve favourite pieces.

The selection may comprise either vocal or instrumental items, and for the purpose of the competition a symphony or other long work of any kind on several records will count as one selection.

In awarding the prize which, by the way, consists of the H.M.V. set of "Parsifal" on several records (electrically recorded), no points will be given for excellence in recording technique alone.

Neither is the competition a contest for the best rendering of a particular number.

Any type or make of record may be chosen, the list need not necessarily be "highbrow," or excessively "popular," but should be as diverse as possible and above all represent your own particular choice. Entries must reach the "China Mail" office marked "Marcello," not later than September 3.

My readers should be on the look out for a set of wonderful "Messiah" records, recorded by Columbia at the actual Crystal Palace Festival which is held once every three years. They will probably be obtainable next month.

[It seems hardly necessary to mention that all records reviewed in this column are locally procurable.]

\$996 CLAIM.

GOODS WHICH FAILED TO ARRIVE.

WAS JUNK PIRATED?

A claim for \$996.36 was heard in the Summary Court yesterday, the parties being the Ho Yuen firm (plaintiffs) and the Kwong Hing firm (defendants). The Lai Tong Kee, junk owners, were also quoted as co-defendants.

The case concerned the non-arrival of a junk at the place of its destination (Mui Kong San Wui, in Kwong Tung) and the extent of liability of the firms in question for goods aboard.

Mr. M. K. Lo was for defendants and Mr. L. D. Turner for plaintiffs.

Mr. Lo, for the defendants, explained that his clients had only acted as agents for both the junk owners and consignors and not as principals in either case.

It was stated on behalf of the plaintiffs that the Kwong Hing firm had made themselves responsible for the delivery and that an undertaking had been given to inform the consignees of the date of sailing. No information as to the junk having sailed was given to the plaintiffs and the first they heard was the report of the alleged piracy. In another case heard in the Supreme Court it had been held that the defendants in that case had not proved that a piracy had occurred and that they were liable for cargo entrusted to them in that particular instance.

The case was adjourned.

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

PLANS FOR THE RETURN JOURNEY.

Rugby, Aug. 26.

On his return flight from Melbourne to London Mr. Alan Cobham will discard the land undercarriage of his aeroplane at Port Darwin, which he expects to reach on September 2. He will have the advantage of low tides there to refit floats for reconverting machine into a seaplane. From Port Darwin homeward, as on the outward journey, he will alight on the water at each stopping place.—British Wireless Service.

COMMERCIAL TOUR?

SOUTH AMERICANS IN LENINGRAD.

Moscow, August 26.

A party of four hundred South American tourists has arrived at Leningrad aboard the German steamer Cappelonia, including some leading statesmen from Argentina, Uruguay, Chile and Brazil; also German bankers and manufacturers. The party was heartily welcomed.—Reuter.

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GERMAN HOPE.

CONFIDENT OF ENTRY INTO LEAGUE.

"CECHL PLAN APPROVED."

Berlin, August 26. The Reichstag's Foreign Affairs Committee received Dr. Stresemann's report on the foreign political situation.

It was learned that the Foreign Minister is on the whole confident that the difficulties in the way of Germany's entrance into the League of Nations would eventually be removed. He does not expect serious opposition by Spain, which he considers is fully occupied by the Tangier problem, in which Germany is not interested.

Dr. Stresemann pointed out that Lord Cecil's plan will still be taken as the basis of negotiations.

The Committee, which approved of the Government's attitude, finally rejected a Communist motion demanding the withdrawal of Germany's application to enter the League.—Reuter.

GIGGLING GIRLS.

SCANDALOUS BREACHES OF DECORUM.

New York, August 26. Many scandalous breaches of decorum occurred yesterday at Valentino's "Lying-in-State" for example many girls approaching the bier giggled, plied powder-puffs and lipsticks; and one weeping girl was found to have secreted an onion in her handkerchief, which she squeezed in order to facilitate tear drops.

"As the result of such incidents, Mr. Ullman, Valentino's manager, had the Chapel Ardenne, in which the body was lying, closed at midnight, when still thousands of would-be sightseers in a queue half-a-mile long and four deep were disappointed. The crowd attempted to break the doors, but were dispersed by the police.—Reuter.

Monument to Valentino.

Los Angeles, August 23. While all filmdom mourned the passing of Rudolph Valentino in New York today, his Italian countrymen, led by Cleto Paroni, editor of L'Italo Americano, started a monument to the dead movie star. A nationwide campaign will be started to solicit a fund from Italians and other admirers.—Associated Press.

Pola Negri Inconceivable.

Hollywood, August 23. Pola Negri, the motion picture actress who was engaged to marry Rudolph Valentino as soon as he returned from the east, collapsed when told that her fiancé had died. At first she refused to believe it and when she was convinced that it was true, she went into seclusion and refused to see anyone. The whole film colony is in mourning.—United Press.

MORE "SEQUEEZE."

ARBITRARY TAX IN TSINGTAO.

Tsingtao, August 26. The port authorities arbitrarily commenced on Monday to levy a tax upon foreign importers of fifteen per cent. ad valorem on wines and spirits and of three cents per bottle on beer.

The firms at first refused, but the Chinese merely declared that the tax had been operative since August 1, but had not been put into effect previously.

Owing to diminishing stocks several of the firms have been forced to pay for release from the wharf and godowns.

Strong protests have been lodged by the British, American, and Japanese Consuls against such illegal procedure and have forwarded them to their respective Legations.—Reuter.

Tobacco Affected.

Tsingtao, August 27. American firms are not affected by the liquor tax, as they have no such imports. The American Consul, however, has notified the Minister of the action of the Chinese authorities.

The new taxation scheme also applies to tobacco by a transit tax through Tsingtao of 95 cents a picul. Consequently the British, American, and Nanyang and moving tobacco from the plantations in Central Shantung.—Reuter.

SOVIET "DOVE."

DESIRES ONLY PEACEFUL RELATIONS!

Peking, August 26. Speaking to Pressmen this afternoon the Soviet Chargé d'Affaires declared that rumours of a loan to Feng Yu-hsiang were unfounded. He also denied that either financial or military aid had been given or was intended to be given to any Chinese faction. "The Soviet," added the Chargé d'Affaires, "did not intend to engage in railway construction either in Mongolia or Manchuria, and only desired peaceful relations with Japan and China.—Reuter.

BABIES' DEATHS.

RATE DISCLOSES A GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

INTERESTING COMPARISON.

Rugby, Aug. 26. The annual report of the Ministry of Health records that rate of infant mortality per 1,000 births last year was 75 which is the same as the figure for 1924.

Commenting on the big improvement which has taken place during the last 30 years, the report states that the effect of this improvement can perhaps best be seen by applying the mortality rates of 30 years ago to the figures for the past year.

In 1925 the actual number of deaths of infants under one year of age was 53,000, whereas, if the average infant mortality rate of 1891-1900 had been maintained, the number would have been 108,780.—British Wireless Service.

ALLEGED SCHEME.

TROUBLE OVER TANGIER CONTROL.

Paris, Aug. 26. The Tangier question continues to occupy the attention of the Press.

"Le Gaulois" emphasises the danger of confusing the entirely separate questions of Tangier and the reform of the Council of the League, and adds that the situation is already sufficiently serious, for Germany's opposition to an increase in the Council has put the League in a very dangerous position.

"L'Avenir" and "Echo de Paris" reject the suggestion that an international regime should be maintained, with a Spanish preponderance. The latter suggests that France should openly declare in favour of the annexation of the international zone by Spain, leaving to Britain the onus of refusing to consent to such a solution.

The extreme Nationalist organ, "Action Française," cites the report in a leading British paper that Spain will be satisfied with a League mandate over Tangier, as evidence that Britain is scheming to retain her share of control at Tan, or whilst giving Spain a purely illusory satisfaction. The paper calls on the Latin nations to rally to defeat this "plot."—Reuter.

Spain's Case.

Madrid, August 26. Spain's attitude on Tangier is officially stated to be concerned with three aspects—territorial, maritime, and local.

As regards the first Spain could not complete the "civilising mission of an international character" begun in North Africa whilst Tangier remains a refuge for rebels and an open door for contraband of war.

Secondly, the collective interest of all the Powers is to ensure neutrality of the Straits.

Thirdly, the international regime has been demonstrated as lacking in durability.

The statement calls attention to "the natural connection of the Tangier problem with the question of Spain's position in Geneva," and urges the nations concerned to examine the situation.—Reuter.

GREEK REVOLT.

PANGALOS SENT TO CRETE.

Athens, August 26. Pangalos has been transferred from the Island of Aginias to Crete, where he is being detained in the Izzedin prison.—Reuter.

New Cabinet.

Athens, August 26. In accordance with the decision of the party leaders to form a Cabinet of service consisting of civilians headed by General Kondylis as head of the National Democratic Party, General Kondylis has formed a Cabinet with himself as Minister of War and Marine; Professor Petmezias as Minister of the Interior and Justice; M. Argyro Poulos, ex-Minister at Angora, as Minister for Foreign Affairs; Professor Triandafilo Poulos, Minister of Communications; Dr. Papas, who is a distinguished surgeon, as Minister for Public Instruction; M. Drosos Poulos, co-Governor of the National Bank of Greece, Minister of Finance; and M. Nakos, who is a lawyer, as Minister for Agriculture.—Reuter.

TAINTED MONEY.

ARREST OF A BANK PRESIDENT.

Peking, August 26. Chow Tso-ming, President of the Kinchen Bank, Corporation, was arrested this morning, in accordance with General Chang Tsung-chang's orders, on the ground that the Bank had received deposits from Kuomintang sources.—Reuter.

SALVAGE FEAT.

EX-GERMAN CRUISER AGAIN FLOODED.

OPERATIONS RETARDED.

Rugby, Aug. 26. As the result of a severe gale which swept over the Orkneys the ex-German battle-cruiser Hindenburg, which is being raised in Scapa Flow, has been reflooded.

An ex-German destroyer, which is being used as a breakwater for the Hindenburg, damaged the floating dock, which is now under repair.

One of the large patches on the Hindenburg also gave way, and some smaller patches also require attention before further progress with pumping can be resumed.

The Times says that proper salvage operations will not be again started until next week.—British Wireless Service.

Nature of the Task.

A Home paper recently stated:—Scapa Flow will be the scene this summer of the biggest salvage feat ever attempted, when the battle-cruiser Hindenburg—sunk in the scuttling of the German fleet six years ago—is to be reflooded.

Twenty-one of the smaller vessels have been raised already by means of floating docks and wires; but the Hindenburg, which has a displacement of 27,000 tons, is too unwieldy. The water, therefore, is to be pumped out of her, so that she may automatically rise to the surface. "She lies on an even keel," said Mr. Cox, of Messrs. Cox and Danks, Ltd., the contractors, to a Press representative, "with practically only her superstructure showing. Our main difficulty will be to stop up all the portholes and the eight sea-cocks under the engine room, by the opening of which she was sunk, and thus prevent the inflowing of the water.

"Steel patches or concrete will be placed over the holes, and when this is completed she will be pumped out from the top. There will be 40 pumps operating, and we expect that, going at full pressure, they will empty her in 12 hours, having removed from 50,000 to 60,000 tons of water.

"We calculate that the whole operation will occupy about six months. The four floating docks will be moved into position round the Hindenburg and will serve as working platforms for the divers and men engaged in the task. Twelve divers will be constantly at work, and they have already made a preliminary survey of the hull, which is lying in sand and shingle, covered with barnacles and thick seaweed.

"Part of their task will be to tunnel under the wreck in order to facilitate the patching of the sea-cocks, which are 24in. in diameter. They will use shovels, and have compressed air scapers for clearing the ship's bottom."

If this operation is successful the firm anticipate that it will be possible to raise the remaining big ships by the same means at the rate of two a summer; but with the exception of the Hindenburg, which remained upright owing to the comparative shallowness of the water, the others are tilted over. The Hindenburg will be beached and broken up into scrap.

NO UNITY.

BRITONS AND RUSSIANS DISAGREE.

Berlin, August 26. The British-Russian Committee have concluded four days meetings here. The utmost secrecy has been observed as regards the deliberations but the fact that the meetings were protracted until nearly midnight daily indicated differences on the question of uniting the Trade Union movement in Europe, which have in no way been overcome by the result of the discussions embodied in the protocol for submission to the respective executives and will not be published. The five British delegates travelled to London by aeroplane and declined to see Pressmen.—Reuter.

SECURITY PACTS.

NEGOTIATIONS USED THE SOVIET.

Moscow, August 26. The Foreign Commissariat has published a memorandum from the Latvian and Estonian Governments declaring their willingness to negotiate directly with the Soviet for a security pact.

The Soviet Government has instructed its representatives in Riga and Reval to start negotiations immediately.—Reuter.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

MORE HONGKONG MEMBERS WANTED.

THIS YEAR'S "DAY."

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."] Sir,—I was very pleased to see the leading article in your issue of the 12th inst. calling attention to the fact that there is a branch of the Navy League in Hongkong.

When, however, you mention that the membership and the activities are much too limited in a seaport like ours you have indeed hit the right nail on the head.

What we require are more members and our object at the present time is to enroll as many as we possible can.

As you are aware the head office with its executive committee are endeavouring to keep the object of the Navy League continually before the eyes of the public at home. To do this requires a considerable amount of money and head office hopes that each of its branches will contribute towards a permanent fund which they are raising for propaganda work.

With a large membership we could undoubtedly help very considerably. May I ask, therefore, your co-operation in giving this letter the greatest publicity possible.

The objects of the Navy League were so clearly set forth in your article referred to above that I cannot do better than reiterate your remarks.

The old traditional lines on which the Navy League were founded were to insist upon adequate defence of the Empire, first of all, because it is believed that it is the only method of really securing the safety of the British Isles; secondly because it is believed that a strong Navy is the best pledge for peace that the world can have; and, thirdly, because, whatever the future may bring forth, whatever scientific inventions bring to the fore, sea power and the Navy, as representing sea power, has no substitute, either on the land or in the air or even at Geneva. Therefore these fundamental things have to be kept in front when advocating adequate naval defence for the British Isles and the Empire.

The subscription is \$5 a year and may be sent either to myself or to Mr. A. S. Exell, c/o the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

The other members of the committee consist of Sir Henry E. Pollock, K.C. (President); Mr. W. A. Dowley (vice-president); Rear-Admiral A. J. E. Stirling, C.B.; Messrs. R. Sutherland, J. H. R. Hance and F. A. Perry; any of whom would be pleased to give fuller particulars—if required—to any British subject desirous of joining.

I might mention that Nelson Day (October 21) will be celebrated this year by a grand concert to be given at the Queen's Theatre when the film "Zeebrugge" will be shown to the public for the first time in Hongkong.

Fuller particulars will be given at a later period.

Yours, etc.,
L. M. WHYTE,
Hon. Secretary,
THE NAVY LEAGUE.
Hongkong, August 26.

THE WEMBLEY QUESTION.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—If the questions asked in Council yesterday are to be taken as an indication of regret that Hongkong participated in the Wembley Exhibition, I would draw attention to the statement made by the Hongkong Commissioner on his return at the end of last year, also to the Chamber of Commerce's opinion on the matter.

Although there had been immediate financial loss for the Association and for the Dominions and Colonies participating, said the Hongkong Commissioner, the tone among the overseas representatives was one of optimism as to the ultimate outcome. It seemed to be agreed that value would in due time be shown for the money expended, large as the sum concerned was—so large indeed that a repetition of the Exhibition on the same scale is hardly to be looked for. It was, however, opportune and succeeded in the object of laying foundations for sound Imperial building in the future.

Although, as stated in the Chamber of Commerce report, Hongkong as a non-producing Colony, an entrepot on one of the great trade routes and the storehouse of South China, entirely dependent for its degree of prosperity or adversity upon conditions in the vast country on whose borders she stands, could have derived slight benefit for herself from participation in an Empire demonstration of this kind, Imperial considerations are

DR. KOCH'S WARNING.

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the engineer went along in a passive routine way he did not see these things. He thought that if a committee was appointed and these matters were pointed out then something could be done in the way of protection.

Governor's Views.

His Excellency the Governor remarked that the Government had every sympathy with the object of the resolution. The Government could not agree, nor he thought could the Unofficial Members agree, nor the seconder of the resolution with the remedy which the Hon. Member suggested.

He did not think a committee would be any help at all. What he did think was that the action of the D.P.W. and his officers and the assistance of public spirited members of the community in drawing attention to danger which they might see would do much to solve the problem.

If that was done they would be doing as much as was humanly possible. But there were many dangers which no one could foresee, and which could only be termed acts of God. So that all they could do was to repair the damage and take steps against a recurrence of the danger in the same locality.

Such steps had been taken by the D.P.W. who was fully alive to the necessity of exercising great care in the sale of house lots, and they would not be sold in places where they were likely to become a public danger.

His officers were examining all retaining walls, but most of the retaining walls which were suspected were not owned by the Government but were private ones and it was really for the owners to look after their own property and see that it was not a public danger.

Government in Sympathy.

The Government could not accept the resolution as it stood and he hoped the Hon. Member would not press it to a division. While the Government was in sympathy with his wishes it did not sympathise with the means by which he sought to accomplish them.

Dr. Koch said he was quite satisfied with the explanation. He did not put any blame on either the P.W.D. or the D.P.W. or any of his officers because he knew they were very hard worked. At the same time unless these things were brought vividly to notice they might slip from attention.

After what had been said he thought he had achieved his purpose and asked permission to withdraw his resolution.

All important and the co-operation of every part of the British Empire was essential to realisation of the project, essentially an Empire advertisement to the rest of the world. Serious gaps would have been regrettable and it is to be hoped that Hongkong is not regretting any expenditure incurred on account of its participation.

Yours, etc.,

ALL FOR EMPIRE.
Hongkong, August 27.

KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—If the Government had never made a definite promise with regard to the Kowloon Hospital and treatment by private medical practitioners, how is it that they did not deny the very clear statement by the K.R.A. that they had done so and also the statement made at Council by the late Mr. Holyoak on the very date the Colonial Secretary referred to yesterday.

On that occasion the late Mr. Holyoak referred with regret to the decision of the Government "in view of the assurance previously given"—and no-one challenged the statement then that an assurance had been given the K.R.A.

The Government admitted on that occasion that it had first intended setting aside a part of the Kowloon Hospital as a Nursing Home to be run on the lines of the Peak Hospital but stated that on consideration they had come to the conclusion that the difficulties of management and discipline rendered such an arrangement impracticable.

We have this slight crumb of comfort that a private practitioner can inform the Medical Officer in charge, of any circumstances in connection with a case and if the Medical Officer or the patient so desires, he can be called in consultation.

Presumably we are to be content with small mercies.

Yours, etc.,
KOWLOONITE,
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SPORTS SECTION

LAWN BOWLS.

FINAL LEAGUE GAMES TO-MORROW.

INTERPORT TRIAL TEAMS.

The following are the League games due to be played to-morrow.

Crailgower C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
R.H.K. Yacht Club v. Tai Koo R.C.

The "Indian Recreation" Club having conceded the points to the East Point and Recreation Clubs there are now two games to be played to complete the Second Division fixtures. The League table below has been amended to include the points to the above two Clubs.

The game where the most interest will be centred will be on Crailgower Green where the home team received the Kowloon Cricket Club, for should the latter win they will be equal in points with the East Point Club at the head of the League table and a play off will be necessary. On the other hand, should Crailgower beat them, their hopes will be shattered. Both teams are confident, so a close finish can be anticipated.

Tai Koo visit the Yacht Club and another interesting game will take place. Tai Koo, however, have a very strong team and in addition are able to call on several good reserve players. They should on the evening's form win.

Interport Trial.

To-morrow on the Kowloon Cricket Club Green the second trial game will be played. The following will play:—
J. M. Omar, R. A. Smith, A. M. Holland, Jas. T. Dobbie, P. T. Farrell, G. Morrison, W. Worthespoon and R. Lapsley. Play will start at 3.30 p.m. sharp.

At the conclusion of this trial game the Selection Committee will meet to choose the team to go to Shanghai. Mr. D. Gow has already been appointed manager, so there are five more to be picked.

The following are almost sure to go: Omar No. 1, Holland No. 2, Lapsley No. 3, and Worthespoon as Skip, with Farrell as fifth player.

Inter Departmental Competition.
On Sunday the semi-final game in this competition between the Police Department and the Education Department will take place on the Police Recreation Club Green commencing at 4 p.m. sharp. The winners of this game meet the Sanitary Department in the final on Sunday, September 5.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The following are the positions in the League to date:—

DIVISION I.

	P. W. D. L. P.
Tai Koo R.C.	10 8 0 2 16
Kowloon Dock	10 7 0 3 14
Crailgower C.C.	10 7 0 3 14
Civil Service	10 4 1 5 9
Kowloon B.C.	10 2 0 8 4
Police R.C.	10 1 1 8 3

Shots for and Against.

	For	Agst	Up Dn.
Tai Koo R.C.	655	520	135 0
Kowloon D.R.C.	586	533	53 0
Crailgower C.C.	614	555	49 0
Civil Service	559	580	0 21
Kowloon B.C.	525	602	0 77
Police R.C.	493	632	0 139

DIVISION II.

	P. W. D. L. P.
East Point R.C.	14 11 0 3 22
Kowloon C.C.	13 10 0 3 20
Tai Koo R.C.	13 9 0 4 18
Civil Service C.C.	14 7 1 6 15
Crailgower C.C.	13 6 0 7 12
R.H.K. Yacht Club	13 6 0 8 10
Club de Recreo	14 4 1 9 9
Indian R.C.	14 1 0 13 2

Shots for and Against.

	For	Agst	Up Dn.
East Point R.C.	815	665	150 0
Kowloon C.C.	785	641	144 0
Tai Koo R.C.	775	732	43 0
Civil Service R.C.	802	800	2 0
Crailgower	673	674	0 1
R.H.K. Yacht Club	777	791	0 14
Club de Recreo	684	806	0 122
Indian R.C.	439	691	0 202

WATER POLO LEAGUE.

Club de Recreo defeated the "B" team of Kowloon British School (Former Pupils Association) yesterday, at the V.R.C. bath, in the water polo league, by 6 goals to nil. The scorers were Carvalho (2), Marcel, Xavier and Pereira.

BASEBALL NOTES.

PRESENT "HOME RUN" LEADERS.

WEEK-END GAMES.

South China improved their position in the baseball league last week-end by defeating the Club de Recreo by one run scored in the last inning. The previous meeting between these two teams resulted in "South China" being beaten for the first time this season.

The Club de Recreo made a costly mistake in removing Alves from his regular place at short stop. Rocha who played in that position never knew his province and fouled the fielders with the result that three catches were missed. Another mistake made by them was the late replacing of Xavier by Remedios in the pitching position. Xavier was obviously tired out and became erratic towards the end, but he was allowed to continue to throw for the benefit of the champions.

In their third and last meeting with the Hongkong Baseball Club, the Defence Corps outplayed their opponents with the stick although not on paper. Bowker was prominent with his second home run this season and now shares equal honours with Hachiuma, Zafra and Gosano. The Defence Corps lost by one run, but they gave their more experienced opponents a good game.

The programme for the week-end and league standings to date are as under:—
Saturday, 2.30 p.m.—Filipinos v. H.K.V.D.C.; 4.30 p.m.—Japanese v. South China.
Sunday, 4 p.m.—Club de Recreo v. Hongkong Baseball Club.

LEAGUE TABLE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
South China	10	1	.909
Japanese	8	2	.800
Club de Recreo	4	5	.444
Filipinos	4	7	.363
H.K. Baseball Club	3	8	.273
Defence Corps	2	8	.209

Exhibition Match.

As announced yesterday, the "All-Hongkong" team will meet U.S.S. "Helena" at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday.

THE AUSTRALIANS.

2ND DAY'S PLAY AGAINST KENT.

RYDER GETS CENTURY.

In spite of a good score on the first day, Kent are behind the Australians.

Canterbury, Aug. 26.
Second day's play:—
There were 15,000 spectators. The weather was fine and the wicket good after rain in the night.

Overnight score:—Kent 321 runs. Woolley 64, J. L. Bryan 61, Harding 52, Ashdown 42, A. P. F. Chapman 36; Mailey took 5 for 133. Australia to bat.
The Australians batted all day, being all out at the close for 386 runs, 65 ahead of Kent.
J. S. Ryder made 109. H. L. Collins 86, T. J. E. Andrews 71. Freeman (A. P.), who played under Gilligan in Australia, took 6 wickets for 133 runs. Australia play continues to-day.

UNUSUAL QUERY.

"Inquirer" asks: "Which can be thrown further, the 'cricket' ball, or the 'baseball' ball?"
The generally accepted opinion is that the baseball can be thrown further.

Counting only up to the first pitch (i.e., excluding the bounce and further rolling), the best for a baseball is said to be over 430 feet. The longest distance a cricket ball has been thrown is 140 yards (or 420 feet) but it is not known if this figure includes the "subsequent pitching" and the roll along the ground.

"In the air," said a local baseball expert "players have thrown a baseball 430 feet, and the ball has possibly rolled another 50 feet or so on the ground."

London, Aug. 4.—Oldroyd is recovering and will probably leave hospital to-day.

DAVIS CUP.

INTER-ZONE FINAL BEGINS.

JAPAN v. FRANCE.

Forest Hills, August 26.
In the inter-zone final of the Davis Cup H. Cochet (France) beat Tawara (Japan) 1-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.

Tawara easily won the first two sets, keeping Cochet on the run with low-bounding shots. Cochet then adopted the same tactics. Later he went to the net and won by means of very effective volleying and brilliant placing. Harada (Japan) then beat Rene Lacoste (France) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 9-7. Harada's battering forehand drives were irresistible. Lacoste was unable, with the exception of the second set, to meet the hurricane attack. The Frenchman, in the fourth set, made a sensational but abortive effort and took five games consecutively.—
—Reuter's American Service.

RACE TRAGEDY.

BROOKLANDS RIDER KILLED IN A TEST.

RUNS INTO SPECTATORS.

Boulogne, August 26.
The motor car race meeting opened disastrously. The famous Brooklands rider, Captain Howe, during a hill test, failed to take the second bend and the car dashed among some spectators, one of whom was killed.

A gendarme's leg was broken and the leg of an onlooker was cut-off. Howe was killed instantly. The injured were taken to hospital.—
—Reuter.

FIFTH TEST.

NOTES ON PLAY, AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

After the first day's play in the Fifth Test at the Oval, the following was cabled:—

London, August 15.
The attendance at the Oval for the final test was surprisingly low. There was plenty of room inside the ground, which is capable of holding about 30,000 people, and the queues at the gates before the game commenced were small.

The English captain, A. P. F. Chapman, going out to toss for choice of innings with Collins—the first momentous step in a momentous match—borrowed a sovereign for the purpose, with the result that England had first knock.

A number of advertisement kites flying over the ground were a source of annoyance to Sutcliffe, but the objection of the Yorkshire batsman was abortive since the kites were private property and the Oval authorities were unable to interfere.

The manner in which Hobbs was dismissed amazed the Surrey crowd, and there was general disappointment among the public at the failure of the English batsmen. Geary, the Leicestershire bowler, (who, it will be remembered, injured his ankle just before, and was unable to play in the Fourth Test), damaged his left hand while fielding.

CRICKET LEAGUE FUNDS.

At the annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket League at the H.K.C.C. pavilion on Monday evening, the following report will be presented:—

The First Division Shield was won by the Navy, the Second Division by the Royal Engineers. The accounts show a balance of \$561.75, statement of which is appended to the report. This statement shows that the expenditure amounted to only \$47.90; while the receipts were (by balance from 1924-25 account) \$429.55 and entrance fees \$180.

HONG TENNIS DOUBLES.

In the H.K.C.C. inter-hong lawn tennis (doubles) competition, Lt.-Col. Edmeades and Captain Howard (owe 1/6) defeated G. W. Sewell and E. Grimble (owe 3/6) by 7-5, 7-5. The winners are now in the semi-final.

H.K.V.D.C. SWIMMING.

The Volunteer Defence Corps will hold swimming meeting on Sept. 4.

There will be an inter-unit relay race. Teams will be of six each. Members wishing to represent their units should send names to respective commanders without delay, state Corps orders for this week.

HOSPITAL CONCERT.

"ALICE MEMORIAL AND AFFILIATED."

INTERESTING HISTORY.

On September 20 a concert will be held locally which should prove of much interest.

It is in aid of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals. These hospitals form one of the principal examples of joint friendly effort of Chinese and non-Chinese to meet the need of the poor sick. The work, as it is to-day, is the growth of such effort begun over 45 years ago.

Dr. W. Young, a local practitioner, in co-operation with certain Chinese and non-Chinese friends, began a dispensary in Tai-ping-shan and the western districts where there were many Chinese poor.

The Pioneer.
The work was so successful that in 1887 a leading Chinese gentleman, Dr. (afterwards Sir Kai) Ho Kai decided to build a hospital in memory of his late wife Alice, and the Alice Memorial Hospital was built.

This Hospital was at first used for the treatment of men, women and children as in-patients as well as a dispensary for out-patients. Dr. Young not only did what he could for the poor during his lifetime but left a substantial fund in his will for the purpose of carrying on this work.

A large part of the annual income is derived from this "Young Bequest."

Another gift to the Hospitals was made by Mr. R. Bellios who made his gift towards the medical fund.

Position To-day.
Several Parsee gentlemen and others have from time to time given certain sums for the purpose of leaving a memorial for themselves for the benefit of the poor.

It is the hope of the Hospital Committee that the generosity of such friends may be more freely copied as such funds help very materially towards avoiding anxiety in times of special stress.

The Hospitals have been very badly affected by the adverse circumstances of last year, and special efforts are now being made to endeavour to right the financial balance. This work cannot be carried on without adequate funds and such funds are carefully utilised by the Hospital Committee and staff.

MINUTE'S BREVIETY.

FULL REPORT ON COUNCIL QUESTIONS?

DR. KOCH'S VIEW.

The brevity of minutes of Council meetings was the subject of reference by the Hon. Dr. Koch at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council.

As the minutes of the last Council meeting were laid on the table, Dr. Koch drew attention to the fact that the only reference contained in them to certain matters raised by the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang was that questions had been asked and that the Colonial Secretary had replied.

H.E. the Governor said that the minutes were little read outside the Council and that full particulars could be obtained from Hansard. If it was the opinion of members that the minutes should contain the full report it could be done. He would consider the point.

LORD HARRIS ILL.

London, Aug. 5.
Lord Harris, who is 76 years of age, was taken suddenly ill while watching the play at the Canterbury cricket festival. He was conveyed to hospital on a stretcher. It is believed that his condition is not serious. An evening bulletin states that he shows signs of improvement.

London, Aug. 7.
Lord Harris is better and has left hospital. He made the following statement:—"Lord Harris is very grateful for the many kind enquiries in regard to his having had to 'retire hurt.' He hopes to continue his innings before stamps are drawn."

CRICKET TOUR TO INDIA.

London, Aug. 6.
Arthur Gilligan sends an exclusive message to all classes of cricketers in India through the "Strateman," Calcutta, relative to the forthcoming tour.

The message is as follows:—"We are eagerly looking forward to our tour in India this winter. We at all times will play the game, both on and off the field, and we will do all in our power to strengthen the great bonds of the Empire."

HARBOUR DREDGING.

ENGINEER TO CARRY OUT SURVEY.

NO GOVT. DREDGER.

The question of dredging the harbour was referred to at the Finance Committee meeting yesterday which followed the Council meeting. An engineer was to be appointed to undertake a survey of the harbour bed it was stated. The Colonial Secretary said that the Director of Public Works had represented to the Government that although the grounding of two ships recently was not caused by silting in the harbour it was expedient that the mind of the public should be set at rest.

In reply to questions, the D.P.W. said that they had an engineer on the present staff who was fully qualified to carry out the work and had a great deal of experience of work in the harbour. A further appointment was needed, however, as the engineer in question would have to be relieved of his present work.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang raised the question of how the Government would put in hand any dredging work the engineer should recommend. The Government had not a dredger of its own. There was no dredger available unless one could be obtained from the Netherlands Harbour Works.

The Hon. Mr. Bird: We can borrow one from Macao.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang: Suppose they are not working there. What will be the position of the Government then? A most invidious position.

The Chairman: I don't know how long it is since we had a dredger.

Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang: The last dredger we had here was owned by the Dock Company and was sold to Australia in 1910.

The Chairman said that if dredging was recommended the matter would have to be brought before the Finance Committee and money voted to carry out the work. Whether it would be done by the purchase of a dredger—

The Hon. Mr. Lang: This is a very expensive matter.

The Chairman—or by contract, I cannot say. It will have to be considered when the extent of the work is known.

H.K.V.D.C.

CURRENT CORPS ORDERS FOR WEEK.

CHANGES IN STRENGTH.

Extracts from current orders of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps read:—

Training.
The following is the allotment of the Parade Ground, Drill Hall, Miniature Range, Kennedy Range; for the training season 1926-1927, from September 1 inclusive:—

Monday, Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies; Tuesday, Infantry Company; Thursday, Scottish Company; Friday, Artillery Company.

Engineer Company.
Wireless Signal Section will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday.

Armoured Car Company.
Parade at Headquarters on Monday at 5.30 p.m.

Scottish Company.
Part II Musketry Course will be fired at Stonecutters range on Sunday, September 5.

Strength.
No. 1067 Gunner M. P. Concanon, M.C., Artillery Company, to be Lance-Sergeant in charge City Section.

No. 16 Sergt. H. S. Rouse, Artillery Company, reverts to the rank of Private at his own request.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—
No. 367 Spr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipper, Engineer Company, from November 11, to August 31, 1927.

No. 888 Pte. W. L. Ramsey, No. 1 Platoon, from September 1 to 30.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:—
No. 607 Pte. D. S. Fitzgerald, Armoured Car Company.

No. 919 Pte. A. P. Glanville, Armoured Car Company.

No. 675 Pte. J. Clelland, No. 6 Platoon, having left the Colony, is struck off the strength.

PETROL TAX PROTEST.

July 10.—A deputation representing the majority of Australia's 300,000 motorists, and also motor dealers and oil importers, asked Mr. Bruce, the Prime Minister, to withdraw or modify the duties on chassis, tyres and petrol provided for in the Budget.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 27, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Estates Brokers' Share & Real Estate Society.
T.T. on London	2 1/2-1/8	2 1/4	2 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	77	76 1/2	77 1/2
Hongkong Bank	1100 s	1110 n	1100 b
do London	1126 n	—	1126 n
Chartered Bank	120 1/2 b	120 1/4 o	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	130 1/2 n	130 1/2 n	—
do	131 1/2 n	—	—
P. & O. Bank	160 1/2 b	160 1/2 b	—
Bank of East Asia	184 n	184 b	183 s
Marine Insurance	—	—	—
Canton Insurance	62 1/2 s	62 1/2 s	62 1/2 s
China Underwriters	1 1/2 n	1 1/2 n	1 1/2 s
North China Insurance	114 1/2 n	114 1/2 n	—
Union Insurance	236 b	236 b	235 b
Yangtze Insurance	35 b	40 b	—
Fire Insurance	—	—	—
China Fire Insurance	200 b	210 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	620 n	620 b	620 n
Shipping	—	—	—
Douglases	25 b	25 1/2 b	25 n
Hongkong Steamboats	26 1/2 n	26 1/2 n	26 1/2 n
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1 1/2 n	1 1/2 n	1 1/2 s
Indo-China (Pref.)	30 n	30 n	30 n
do (Def.) Ltd.	40 n	—	—
do	—	40 n	—
Oriental Navigation	86 b	86 1/2 b	86 1/2 b
Shell Transport	66 s	64 b 65 s	65 s
Star Ferries	15 1/2 n	15 s	14 b
Water-boats	—	—	—
Refineries	—	—	—
China Sugars	23 s	24 s	21 b
Malayan Sugars	36 n	36 b	36 n
Mining	—	—	—
Benquets	1 1/2 n	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	40 n	42 1/2 n	47 1/2 n
Langkats (Combined)	3 b	7 1/2 b	7 1/2 b
do (Single)	12 1/2 n	12 n	—
Shanghai Exploration	5 s	5 n	—
Shanghai Loan	7 n	6 1/2 n	—
Raubs	14 1/2 n	15 n	5 b
Tonghai Mines	74 1/2 b	64 1/2 b	—
Ural Caspian	6 1/2 n	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	—	—	—
H.K. & K. Wharves	111 1/2 s	111 s	111 1/2 s
H.K. & W. Docks	57 1/2 b	57 b	58 b
Hongkew	174 b	174 b	174 b
New Engineerings	6 1/2 n	6 1/2 n	6 b
Shanghai Docks	111 b	111 b	111 b
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	—	—	—
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	10 1/2 s	10 n	10 s
do (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	60 1/2 s	60 1/2 s	60 1/2 s & sa
Hongkong Realty	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 s	7 1/2 s
H.K. Territorial	5 s	4 s	4 s
Humphreys Estates	13 1/2 s	13 1/2 s	13 1/2 s
Princes Building	8 n	13 b 13 1/2 s	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 b	87 s	

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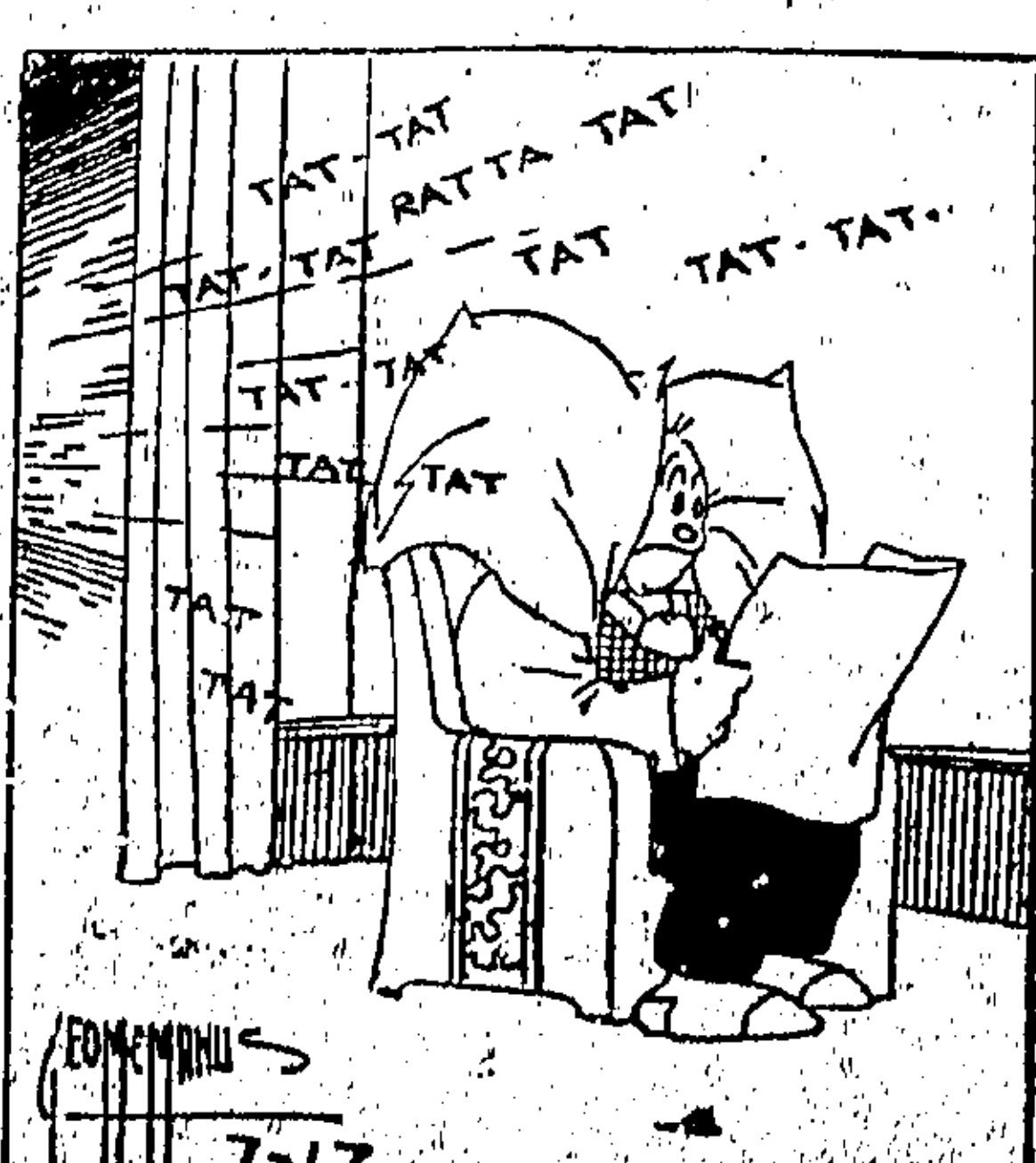
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Refuse substitutes. — Mention name of Spring required.

TELEPHONE CENTRAL 22.

M. Joseph Calliaux, late Finance Minister in the French Cabinet. Mr. John W. Weeks, formerly U.S. Secretary of War, has been ill in Boston. A movement was started to restore the fortunes of Zita, exiled Empress of Austria. Representative Adam Wyant was among those questioned in the Senatorial investigation into Pennsylvania primary expenditures.

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FALSE ECONOMY.

DR. KOTEWALL ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

GOVERNMENT'S ASSURANCE.

Questions relative to the expense of running motor cars and lorries for Government service were raised by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall in Council yesterday. He asked the reasons for an increase over the original estimate from \$8,000 to \$20,008.

The Colonial Secretary replied that the P.W.D. ordered twelve new lorries and other expenses had been incurred in connection with the conveyance of nursing sisters on account of their having to live at Victoria Hospital.

Relative to savings reported on the maintenance of roads and bridges and of sewers, ballasts, etc., expenditure on which was reported to have been cut down to a minimum, Dr. Kotewall, while strongly supporting the Government in its policy of economy thought that it had been misdirected if certain necessary precautions had been neglected.

The Colonial Secretary replied that the Council could rest assured that where saving in maintenance had been made it was with careful regard to the requirements of the work and that the P.W.D. might be tempted not to have omitted any really essential part of the maintenance referred to.

As regards the under estimates of the over expenditure, to which attention had been drawn, Council would remember that the year 1925 opened with every prospect of great prosperity.

Still Prosperous.
When the estimates were framed he gathered that it was not possible to foresee exactly to what extent that prosperity would take the Colony. The votes therefore could not be estimated with very great accuracy and the Colony could, he thought, be congratulated on the fact that in spite of the crisis its prosperity was such as to render the estimates totally inadequate.

It could also be congratulated on having ample funds available to meet the heavy expenditure which was incurred. He might add for the information of Council that every possible effort was being made to assure that the estimates for next year were prepared with every regard for the total expenditure likely to be incurred. He hoped that it would not be possible for members to draw attention to large over expenditure when the estimates for 1927 came to be criticised.

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AT WEMBLEY.

COST OF HONGKONG'S PARTICIPATION.

COUNCIL QUESTION.

A question relative to the Colony's participation at the Wembley Exhibition was asked at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

Dr. Kotewall asked if the Hongkong Commissioner would at a latter stage be in a position to state the total receipts and expenditure for 1924 and 1925, what benefits he considers have accrued to the Colony from Hongkong's participation and in what way he thinks that the trade of Hongkong with the other parts of the Empire can be promoted or improved.

The Hon. Mr. Hallifax, in reply, said it was impossible to give an early report regarding Hongkong at Wembley because there were still accounts in connection with the exhibition for settlement. Some arrived in the Colony from London only a fortnight ago. The uncertainty of the method of the disposal of the buildings of the Exhibition had contributed to the delay at Home but the rest of the details could now be disposed of in Hongkong and they were now in a position to see to the closing of the accounts.



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THE TRADE LOAN.

OVER 15 MILLION LOANED BY GOVERNMENT.

\$1,500,000 REPAID.

Moving the first reading of the Trade Loan Bill, the Hon. Attorney-General said its intention was to give the usual security which was always given in loans to a Colonial Government. The loan was charged upon the revenue and assets of the Colony.

Actually the amount outstanding at present was \$1,600,000. A part of the money borrowed had been repaid. The bulk of the outstanding amount was repayable in about eighteen months' time and the rest in about four and a half years' time.

At any time the Government of Hongkong could repay the whole on giving a month's notice to the lenders. The money was borrowed at 5 1/2 per cent, and the interest obtained from the persons to whom the money had been lent by the Government was 8 per cent, with an increase of a half per cent, every six months.

Reasonable Rate.
Having regard to the ordinary mortgage rates of interest and the degree of risk or absence of risk in respect of money lent out of this loan, he did not think 8 per cent, was an unreasonable rate of interest.

The actual amount which is at present on loan by the Government is \$14,000,000. In all about \$15,500,000 had been loaned, but over one million had been repaid. It would be seen in the preamble that there was a possibility of further borrowing by the Government under the Ordinance but it was not anticipated that any further money would be borrowed by the Government. It was merely an acknowledgment of the theoretical possibility in the preamble.

The Bill was read a first time, and Council adjourned sine die.

SUN'S PHASES.

Calendar for August.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hongkong for August, 1926. (Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
August 27	6.04	6.45
28	6.04	6.44
29	6.04	6.43
30	6.05	6.43
31	6.05	6.42

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Helikon, Proteus, Tjikembang, Kumsang, Bintang, Fooksang, Tjikandi, Kanchow, Jeyore, Nellore, Pres. Polk, Empress of Canada, Hopsang, Tean, Sulsang, Hwahcheng, Tinda, Fushimi Maru, Sanuki Maru, Samarang Maru, Shantung, Kalkan, Tilawa, Deucalion.

Wireless Service between Hongkong and Canton is resumed.

INWARD MAILS.

FROM	FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.	PM
Shanghai	SATURDAY, AUGUST 28.	Sinking
Shanghai	SATURDAY, AUGUST 28.	Kanchow
Amoy	SATURDAY, AUGUST 28.	Fushimi Maru
Shanghai, Hongkong and Europe via Siberia	SUNDAY, AUGUST 29.	Empress of Canada
EUROPE via Norapatam (Papers only London, 29th July)	MONDAY, AUGUST 30.	Jeyore
Strait	MONDAY, AUGUST 30.	Nellore
Manila	TUESDAY, AUGUST 31.	Empress of Canada
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	TUESDAY, AUGUST 31.	Free. Polk
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.	Shinyo Maru
Saloon	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.	Angors
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.	Pres. Elerue
Australia and Manila	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.	St. Albans

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PM	TIMES
Japan	FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.	3.30 p.m.
Amoy	FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.	5 p.m.
Shanghai	FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.	5 p.m.
Manila	FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.	5 p.m.
Foochow	FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.	6 p.m.
Bangkok	FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.	8.30 a.m.
Amoy	FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.	11.50 a.m.
Strait, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, den Egypt	FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.	2 p.m.
EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 18th Sept. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 7.30 p.m.	FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.	2 p.m.
Wahaiwei	FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.	2 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSLS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

FACTS OF NOTE.

The Dollar Liner "President Cleveland" arrived early this morning from Manila with 9 saloon passengers for Hongkong and 27 through passengers. The "Cleveland" brought a comparatively small cargo from Manila for this port but it is taking 1,440 tons of through cargo. The "Cleveland" will load a little over 3,500 tons of general cargo from Hongkong. She is also taking passengers and United States mail, and will be despatched on Sunday morning at noon, for her return trip to San Francisco via ports.

The s.s. "Tanda" of the Eastern

and Australian Line will be despatched this afternoon for Australia and Manila with cargo, passengers, and mail for Manila and Australia.

The s.s. "Tean" of the China Navigation which went under repairs at the Taikoo Dock to replace one of her propellers which she lost on her way to Hongkong, left this morning for Haiphong via Hoihow with cargo and passengers.

Coming from Japan, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Liner s.s. "Fushimi Maru" is expected to arrive in port to-morrow morning with cargo, passengers, and mail from Europe via Siberia. Her local agents announce that she will be despatched for Marseilles, London, and Antwerp via Singapore to-morrow afternoon.

P.I. INDEPENDENCE.

AMERICA PUZZLED BY TREND OF EVENTS.

CONFLICTING STATEMENTS.

San Francisco, August 26.
The Pacific coast is genuinely puzzled at the trend of events in the Philippines since the arrival there of Colonel Thompson, personal representative of President Coolidge.

When Colonel Thompson was in San Francisco he declared in interviews that his trip to the Philippines was purely economic. It is the suddenness with which the political phases developed that puzzle the business circles of the coast. Interest of the western states in the Philippines is largely economic for the ports are already doing a good business with the islands. Business men in general have confidence in Colonel Thompson and if political questions must be settled before economic advancement can be made certain, they are disposed to give the President's emissary a cheering hand.

Want Iron Mines.
However, it is noticed that far more interest was attached to the announcement that Mindoro can produce an abundance of iron ore and get it here more cheaply than ore can be mined in Minnesota and shipped to the Ohio and Pennsylvania plants. Such a development will mean much to the iron and steel industry, on the coast which is still in its infancy.

It has long been supposed that the Minnesota mines were most advantageously situated. The great Mesaba range begins about fifty miles from the lake. The ore is mined in open pits with steam shovels and loaded directly into pits on spiral railroads. Once out of the pits the cars go to Duluth and Superior where the ore is shipped by water.

Experts have within the last few days declared that the days of the lake Superior ore deposits are numbered and some have said that twelve or fifteen years will see the decline of the great mines in Minnesota and Michigan.

This announcement together with the prediction of Colonel Thompson that there is an abundant supply in Mindoro naturally arouses the greatest interest.

Whether the west coast would become one of the great iron and steel regions under the new conditions or whether the East will retain its supremacy is still a matter of conjecture. When Colonel Thompson spoke of cheapness of mining and transportation, business men assumed he meant that the ore could be brought to the Pacific coast more cheaply than it can be taken from Minnesota to Pennsylvania.

Waiting For Report.
Since California, Washington and Georgia already consume a considerable quantity of Philippine vegetable oils, kapok and other products they will give the Thompson report the most careful consideration. When the prospects are fully set forth it is likely that a number of Coast businessmen will go to the islands and investigate the possibilities.

Whatever opportunities are brought to light by the mission the west coast expects to be first to take advantage of them.

Meanwhile business circles are leaving the political phases of the situation to the governments concerned.

SEVERE HURRICANE

SEVERAL RIVER BOATS SUNK.

New Orleans, August 26.
A hurricane occurred here last night and several river boats were sunk.—Reuter.

TWO MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

While Mr. J. H. Hunter, mains superintendent of the Gas Company, was riding in one of his Company's cars along Connaught Road West yesterday afternoon, another car (owner and driver unknown) coming from the opposite direction near Whitty Street swerved in order to avoid a vicia and struck the car, causing damage to the mudguard.

A Chinese lad, 14 years old, was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital last night suffering from injuries but not of a very serious nature. The lad was knocked down by a motor cycle driven by Mr. T. Morgan, of the P.W.D.

TURKISH PLOT.

FOUR DEATH SENTENCES PASSED.

WAR FAILURE ALLEGED.

Constantinople, August 26.
The second important trial arising out of the alleged plot against the life of Mustafa Kemal has ended at Angora, where a number of ex-members of the Committee of Union and Progress were charged with instigating a conspiracy.

The Public Prosecutor read a lengthy document reviewing the Committee's history, ascribing to its moral effect the fatal consequences of Turkey's participation in the Great War.

The Public Prosecutor demanded that four of the accused be sentenced to death, seven banished, and the remainder acquitted.

The ex-Finance Minister, Djavid Bey, Nazim Bey, Nail Bey, and Hihni Bey were sentenced to death and will be executed in a week's time.—Reuter.

REFUSED TO SIGN.

KING ALFONSO AND PRIMO DE RIVERA.

St. Jean de Luzes, August 26.
A most serious situation has arisen in Spain. According to French reports, it appears that the Artillery Corps petitioned King Alfonso demanding the dismissal of General Primo de Rivera. The latter replied by drawing up a decree dissolving the Artillery Corps, but the King refused to sign the decree.—Reuter.

FRENCH ACE.

D'OISY COMPLETES A CIRCUIT.

Paris, August 26.
Pelletier d'Oisy left Paris on Tuesday at 5.30, to make a circuit of Paris, Rome, Tunis, Casablanca, Madrid, Bordeaux and Paris and was back on Wednesday at 11.14. A large crowd cheered him on his return.—Havas.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:

British	24
American	1
Panama	1
German	1
Japanese	4
Chinese	11
Dutch	5
Portuguese	3
Total	50

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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:—
Kiangchow (1,545) Br., from Bangkok; B. & S.
Hopsang (1,350) Br., from Tsingtau, Foochow, J. M. & Co.
Mausang (2,062) Br., from Sandakan; J. M. & Co.
Tilawa (6,153) Br., from Calcutta, Singapore; M. M. & Co.
Malacca Maru (3,211) Jan., from Calcutta, Singapore; N.Y.K.
Hozan Maru (1,383) Jap., from Keelung, Swatow; O.S.K.
Edt. Cleveland (8,393) Am., from Manila; Dollar Line.
Tai Tak (2,080) Port., from Amoy; Chau Kwong.
Wing Wo (503) Chi., from Kwong-chow-wan; Yew Kee.
Departures:
For Singapore: Sanuki Maru, Kumsang.
For Kwong-chow-wan: Sun Kong, Poo Sang.
For Jesselton: Lok Sun.
For Batavia: Tjikandi.
For Muntok: Tjikembang.
For Sandakan: Hingsang.
For Moji: Malacca Maru.
For Kobe: Proteuslaus.

MINERS' FATE.

FORTY ENTOMBED IN AMERICA.

Johnstown (Pennsylvania), Aug. 26.
Forty miners are entombed at Clymer. Two bodies have been recovered.—Reuter.

THREE THEFTS.

Two thefts from houses and loss of a motorist's tool kit have been made to the police.

Mr. D. Bakman, who lives at Empress Lodge, Kowloon, woke up at 6 o'clock this morning to find that a thief had entered his room between midnight and that hour. Bank notes to the value of \$83 and an Omega watch costing \$20 were found to be missing.

At 60 Bridges Street, ground floor, occupied by a shopkeeper, thieves gained entrance by drawing the bolt of the back door. They took jewellery valued at \$58.50 and money amounting to \$180.

Mr. H. R. Major left his motor cycle at the Union Insurance Company's godown between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. yesterday. When he returned his tool kit amounting to \$8 in value was found to be missing.

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